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DUE TO LACK OF COMPROMISE, POLITICS

## Legislature fails to pass Fund bills

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The 17th House of Representatives and Senate, the only ones in CNMI history that have a three-year term each instead of only two, failed to act as one entity on at least 24 bills and initiatives that seek to help the cash-strapped NMI Retirement Fund, even after the Fund became the first public pension agency on American soil to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Lawmakers themselves pointed to a lack of compromise and political differences.

**» Even after Fund sought bankruptcy protection**

A lot of Fund-related legislation passed by one house are either "dead on arrival" or gather dust in the other house.

Only five bills directly related to the Fund became public laws since the 17th Legislature was sworn into office in January 2010, and one of them only repealed the other

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**SCENIC DRIVE**

**Flame trees in full bloom line the roads leading to and from the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, giving a delightful first and last impression to visitors to the CNMI this time of the year. The Marianas Visitors Authority says March 2012 tourist arrivals increased by 19 percent to 36,033, and is expected to further increase in the coming months especially with Saipan Air's inaugural flight on July 1.**

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# Dozens in NMI could benefit from Obama's new immigration policy

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**» Foreign workers emboldened to push for improved status**

President Barack Obama announced on Friday (Saturday, Saipan time) that the U.S. will stop the deportation of young illegal immigrants from American soil for a period of two years if they meet certain criteria and allow them to apply for work authorization, emboldening the resolve of legal long-term foreign workers in the CNMI to ask Obama and the U.S. Congress to grant them improved immigration status.



Syed

"If the president can help those who have been considered illegal, I don't see why he can't help those who came to the CNMI legally and have lawfully contributed to the CNMI economy for a number of years," United Workers Movement-NMI president Rabby Syed said yesterday.

Bonifacio Sagana, president of Deka-

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# Basa wants 20-year contract awarded to provider of cheap renewable power

**» As Fitial admin holds off 1 of 2 energy contracts**

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House Ways and Means Committee chair Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) wants any contractor that can provide renewable power for not more than $0.185 per kilowatt hour to be "immediately" allowed to sell that power to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Moreover, if that contractor provides the first 30 percent of existing power capacity via renewable energy, then it should be awarded a 20-year contract with CUC, he said.

A similar proposal was offered earlier by Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), but the latter withdrew the bill for further review.

Basa

At the same time, the Fitial administration is holding off contract award to one of two firms seeking to provide renewable energy to CUC. Gov. Benigno R. Fitial placed CUC under a state of emergency.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said CUC is going through "last legal review" of the contract with U.S.-based American Capital Energy Co. whose local business partner is Herman Sablan.

The contract with Japan-based Saipan Solar System is the one currently on hold for technical reasons.

Basa's House Bill 17-307 seeks to provide for an "expedited and mandated method for increasing low-cost alterna-

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# Local

# Atalig, Yana ask Supreme Court to stop suspension order

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Antonio M. Atalig and Reynaldo O. Yana have filed a joint motion asking the CNMI Supreme Court to stop an order issued by Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman that suspended them from practicing law in the local courts.

Atalig and Yana said they have no other means of livelihood and if their suspension from the practice of law is not stayed, a dire economic consequence could result.

If their motion for stay of Wiseman's order is not granted, the suspended lawyers said Yana could become homeless, destitute, and even starve to death.

The respondents (Atalig and Yana) said Atalig has a wife and children whom he needs to support and that failure to support his children could have serious consequences.

The respondents said they have clients, who because of their limited financial resources, may not be able to find lawyers to represent them and the lack of legal representation could prejudice their cases.

The two said there is a likelihood that the denial of a grant of stay will cause irreparable injury to them.

Last May 16, Wiseman ordered the suspension of Atalig and Yana from practicing law in the CNMI for misconduct with regards to their refusal to return $1.1 million in attorneys' fees that the two lawyers received from the Malite estate.

Wiseman ordered that the suspension is indefinite until Atalig and Yana have complied with some conditions.

The respondents said prosecuting attorney Thomas Clifford charged them for violating Model Rule of Professional Conduct Rule 1.15 (c) for failing to safeguard property in which various persons claimed an interest in the amount of $1,288,500.

The amount is the total of the contingent fees of $1,138,000 and the amount of $150,000, which the probate court awarded Atalig for work in the probate case.

Atalig and Yana said MRPC Rule 1.15 (c) does not apply in this case as at the time they received the award of attorney's fees from the court, they were no longer representing any client with whom they had contingent fee agreements.

After the turnover of the Marianas Public Lands Authority payment of $3.4 5 million to the court, the heirs of Angel Malite found themselves another attorney in Steve Nutting.

"Thus, the award by the court of the sum of $1.138 million to the respondents based on the contingent fee agreements was no longer in the course of the respondents representation of the heirs of Angel Malite," Atalig and Yana said.

The two said the job to separate disputed property belonged to the court, which had control and custody of the funds.

The respondents said they were also charged for violating MRPC 3.3(a) and (3) by alleging that were not candid or honest with the tribunal.

Atalig and Yana said Clifford alleged that they repeatedly refused to provide any reasonable or meaningful detailed statement regarding the disposition of the nearly $1.3 million in attorney's fees.

Atalig and Yana said the charge of dishonesty and less candidness was the fact that they could not immediately submit their accounting because Judge Kenneth L. Govendo threw them in jail.

Atalig and Yana said in view of the fact that they were no longer representing a client at the time they were required to submit an accounting, MRPC Rules 3.3 (a) (3.3(a) and (3) do not apply in this case.

The respondents cited that Judge Wiseman argues that according to the newspaper report, Atalig said that he had some money left over from which he received in attorney fees awarded by the court.

Therefore, the respondent said, Wiseman concluded that Atalig was dishonest in stating that he did not have any money leftover.

"Since when has the court been allowed to use as evidence what he has read in the newspaper?" Atalig and Yana said, adding that no newspaper account has ever been admitted into evidence in this case and in the Malite estate probate.

## Woman convicted of immigration document fraud appeals to 9th Circuit

A woman is appealing to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit to overturn her conviction of immigration document fraud and subsequent jail sentence.

Defendant Rowena Agnes Urumelog, through counsel Mark B. Hanson, has notified the U.S. District Court for the NMI about her appeal seeking to reverse her conviction and sentence.

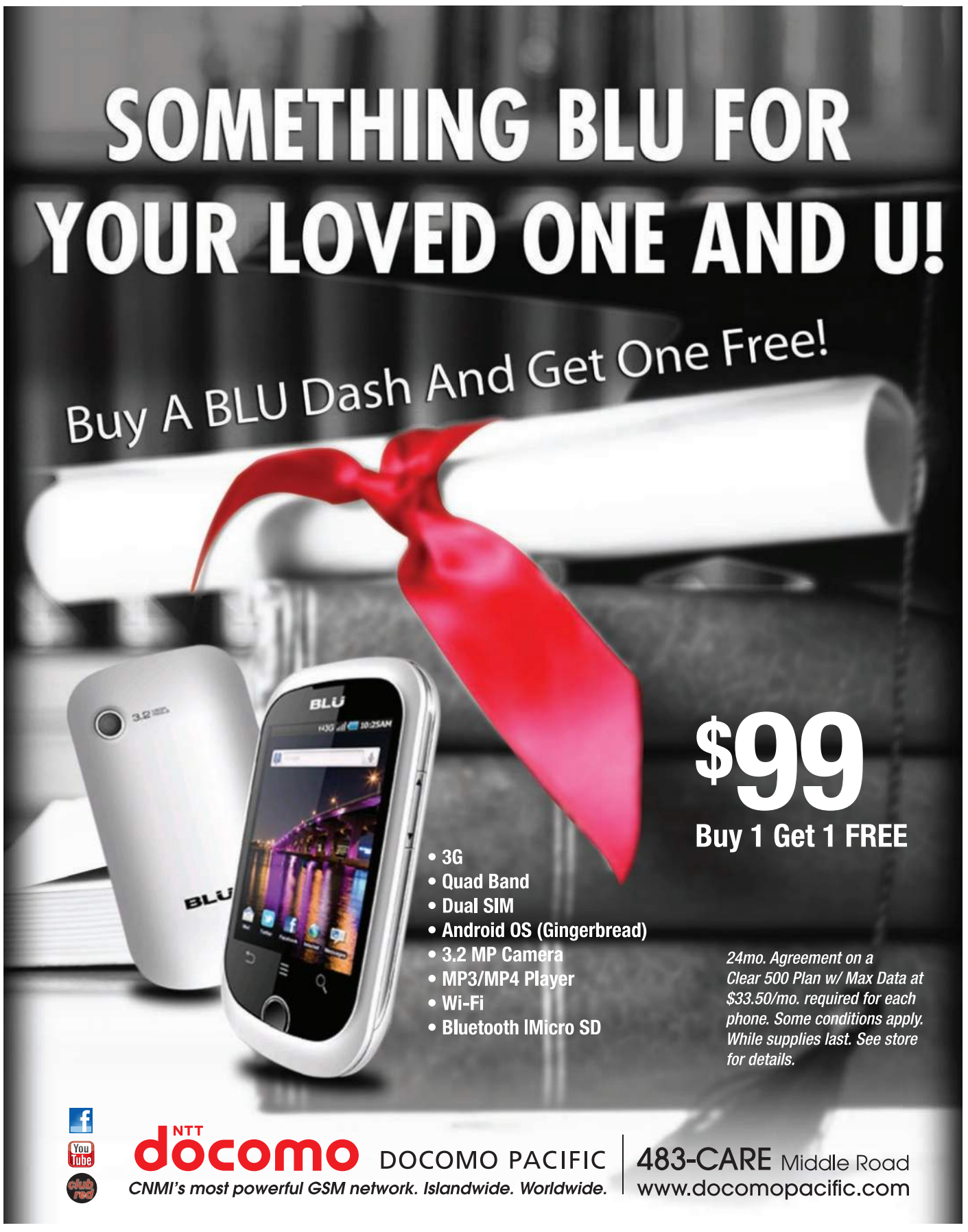
Hanson said they are also appealing court orders denying Urumelog's pre-trial motions; order denying defendant's motion for judgment of acquittal; rulings regarding jury instructions and verdict form; rulings on defendant's objections to the presentence investigation report; and court's application of the advisory sentencing guidelines.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona recently imposed a four-month jail term and four-month home detention on the defendant.

Manglona placed Urumelog on three years of supervised release and required her to, among other conditions, pay a $100 court assessment fee.

The judge granted defense attorney Mark Hanson's request to allow the defendant at liberty until a jail facility is designated.

Last Dec. 7, a federal jury found the 42-year-old Urumelog guilty of immigration document fraud when she life in her petition for her second husband, a Bangladeshi national, that she has never filed a similar petition before. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***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# Court's jurisdiction on expired probation matter questioned

The Office of the Public Defender has moved to dismiss the government's motion to revoke the probation of an ex-convict because his term of probation had already expired.

Assistant public defender Daniel T. Guidotti, counsel for Raymond N. Saka, asserted that the Superior Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction over Saka because his probation term expired before the Office of Adult Probation moved to toll Saka's probation.

According to court records, on Oct. 13, 2010, Saka pleaded guilty to assault and battery. The Superior Court's commitment order placed the defendant on probation for one year.

Guidotti said the court's commitment order provided that Saka was sentenced to six months in jail, all suspended except for 15 days, with credit for one day time served.

The order required Saka to report to the Department of Corrections on Oct. 25, 2010. The order stated that the defendant was to be released on Nov. 9, 2010.

Guidotti said in accordance with the court's order, Saka served 14 days in custody and was released from DOC on Nov. 9, 2010.

The defense lawyer said that, on Oct. 26, 2011, one year and 13 days after the court ordered Saka placed on probation, a probation officer made an oral motion to revoke Saka's probation.

The Office of the Attorney General then filed a notice of revocation hearing on Dec. 5, 2011.

Guidotti said to date, Saka has received no probation extensions.

Guidotti said the OAP believed that Saka's probation was to expire on Nov. 9, 2011.

The lawyer said this error occurred because Saka was incarcerated for 14 days, from Oct. 25 to Nov. 9.

"For whatever reason, the OAP used Mr. Saka's release date from DOC to calculate the expiration date of the probationary period," Guidotti said.

Saka contended that, consistent with the court's order, his probation began on Oct. 13, 2011, regardless whether he appeared at the OAP on Oct. 13.

"If Mr. Saka failed to appear on Oct. 13, 2011, this would amount to a violation of his probation, but would not otherwise change the probation start date," the lawyer added. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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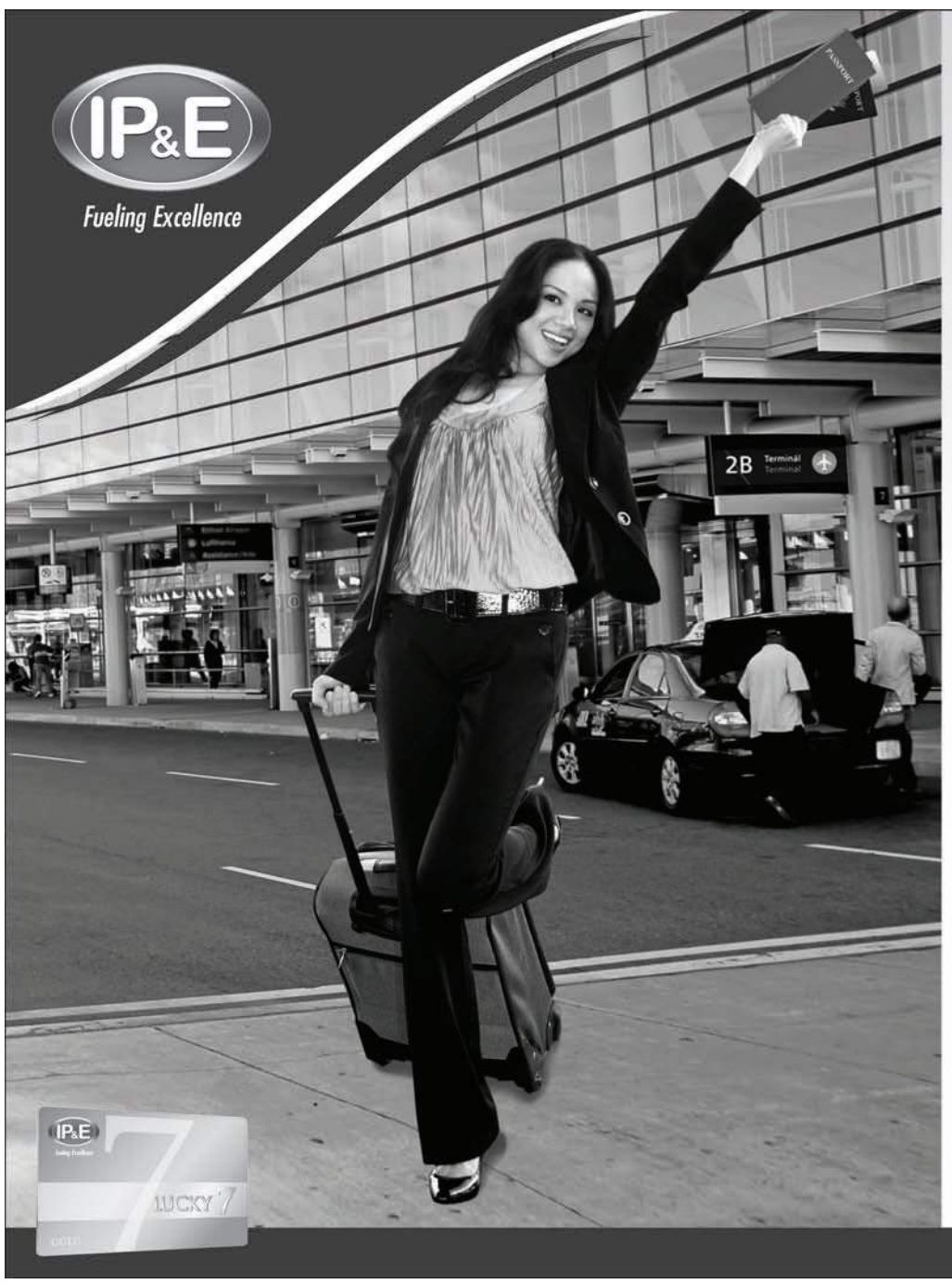


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## LEGISLATURE

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one—the derivative act.

One of them, Public Law 17-32, was meant to reduce by some $84 million the Fund's actuarially accrued liabilities. That legislation, authored by Sen. Luis Crisostimo (Ind-Saipan), allows the Fund board to vote to provide a non-compounding annual retirement bonus in lieu of a cost of living increase to help provide for the pension agency's fiscal solvency.

The other laws were meant to modernize the Fund's investment law, by House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan); and the derivative act by Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan) and Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) that was repealed a few months later by a bill authored by Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), and Sen. Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Tinian).

One other was House Speaker Eli Cabrera's (R-Saipan) bill providing annuitants an option to continue their government life insurance coverage under the same group terms and conditions as that offered to government employees provided that annuitants' coverage is not reduced by more than 30 percent.

House Bill 17-226, which allows withdrawal of up to 50 percent of Fund contributions without penalty, passed both the House and Senate but was vetoed by the governor although an "enhanced" version of Cabrera's bill is now being drafted by the Fitial administration.

"It is getting too close to the election and I'm afraid that the 17th CNMI Legislature leadership has failed its people. In other words, it has nothing to show (for it). And this is very sad," Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Dela Cruz challenged both the House and Senate leaderships "to begin the process of sitting down and working on the issues and we have many."

"If I was part of the so-called leadership, this is what I would have done a long time ago," Dela Cruz added.

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan) said yesterday the only way that the CNMI can move forward is to set aside politics and work toward a common goal.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) also called on the House speaker to set aside political differences, unite, and work together to find solutions to prolong the Fund's lifespan.

Manglona's three Senate initiatives passed the Senate in December 2011 but the House has not acted on any of them nor communicated with the Senate the objectionable provisions of the initiatives to be able to at least reach a compromise.

Instead, the House has chosen to ignore the Senate initiatives. But the House leadership has been blaming the Senate for continuously opposing revenue-generating House bills that seek to legalize casino gaming on Saipan which they say could help the Fund. Senators insist that voters should decide on this but an ongoing popular initiative has so far gathered only 497 signatures, far below the 2,590 required to place the question on the ballot.

Manglona's Senate Legislative Initiatives 17-13, 17-14 and 17-15 seek to transfer management decision of public land golf course leases to the Fund, transfers funds from the Marianas Public Land Trust to the Fund, and set aside 25 percent government revenues to pay the government's employer contribution to the Fund.

The House also has yet to pass House minority leader Joseph Deleon Guerrero's (R-Saipan) pension obligation bond initiative, as well as a separate proposal to cut rebate tax by 20 percent to help the Fund.

After the Fund filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, only HB 17-226 passed the House and Senate but was vetoed by the governor. A federal court, however, junked the bankruptcy petition. Other Fund bills and initiatives have been languishing mostly in the House.

Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) earlier said it was also not right that the Senate passed bills and initiatives without holding public hearings, making it difficult for the House to pass the same bills that the Fund itself is opposed to but were not given the chance to voice such opposition.

The other Fund-related bills that have yet to see the light of day include HBs 17-11, 17-13, 17-74, 17-98, 17-99, 17-204, 17-296, as well as SBs 17-3, 17-27, 17-29, 17-35, 17-36 and 17-100.

Moreover, only one revenue-generating bill has become law so far in the 17th Legislature.

## BASA

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tive energy to CUC."

The bill will be introduced during the House's next session, after the CNMI Legislature's hosting of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures' 31st General Assembly.

Basa said nearly four years after mandating CUC's immediate incorporation of renewable power into its power production, the CNMI has yet to see results.

"Renewable energy is capable of reducing the CNMI's dependence on imported oil and lowering utility rates for the entire Commonwealth. Therefore, the Legislature intends to mandate the inclusion of renewable energy of up to 30 percent of existing total power capacity of CUC based on a first-com first-served basis," Basa said in his bill.

Under HB 17-307, "any contractor that can provide renewable power for not more than $.185 per kwh should be immediately allowed to provide power and obtain payment for that power from CUC."

## DOZENS

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da Movement, and Rene Reyes, president of the Marianas Advocates for Humanitarian Affairs Ltd. or Mahal, echoed Syed's sentiments.

The same worker group leaders said yesterday there's an estimated dozens of young people in the CNMI that could benefit from the Obama administration's latest decision.

There are also those in the CNMI who hope that they or their children will be covered in the Obama administration's latest policy.

Erwin Santos, 22, is among them. His mother, 41-year-old Edith Locsin, said yesterday her son entered Saipan in 2009 when he was 19 years old, four years older than the age cutoff in the Obama policy. Locsin said he hopes his son will be allowed to stay with her.

"He came here legally as a tourist and his visa expired. We worked toward having him apply for another status so he could remain with me and his four other siblings, all U.S. citizens, but we were unsuccessful. He is now subject of deportation proceeding," said Locsin, who has been lawfully working in the CNMI for 17 years.

### Napolitano memo

Under the new policy contained in U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano's June 15 memo, people younger than 30 who came to the United States before the age of 16, pose no criminal or security threat, and were successful students or served in the military can get a two-year deferral from deportation.

The three-page DHS memo will also allow those meeting the requirements to apply for work permits. Participants must be in the United States now and be able to prove they have been living in the country continuously for at least five years.

The change is part of DHS' effort to target resources at illegal immigrants who pose a greater threat, such as criminals and those trying to enter the country now.

"This memorandum confers no substantive right, immigration status or pathway to citizenship. Only the Congress, acting through its legislative authority, can confer these rights. It remains for the executive branch, however, to set forth policy for the exercise of discretion within the framework of the existing law," Napolitano said.

The memo directs U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to begin implementing this process within 60 days of the date of the memo.

The full text of Napolitano's memo is available at http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/s1-exercising-prosecutorial-discretion-individuals-who-came-to-us-as-children.pdf.

Besides the latest memo, DHS also issued last year the so-called Morton memo that says removal cases involving those who are suspected terrorists or national security risks and those who are convicted of felony, immigration fraud, misdemeanor violation such as sexual abuse or drug trafficking, should be prioritized.

The Morton memo directs Immigration and Customs Enforcement attorneys and employees to "exercise prosecutorial discretion" and refrain from going after non-citizens with close family ties in the U.S., among other things, unless they are criminals or pose a clear risk to national security.

### 'Legal status'

Florida-based human rights activist Wendy Doromal said yesterday she's working on an outreach campaign to educate members of the U.S. Congress on the history and present plight of the long-term foreign workers in the CNMI and their families.

Doromal, a former Rota teacher, said they need to emphasize these long-term workers' legal status.

"Governor (Benigno) Fitial and other naysayers have been promoting misinformation by stating that upgraded status for the legal foreign workers would be amnesty. This is untrue. Amnesty is an anti-immigrant, right wing buzz word used to confuse and to repel support for status legislation. Amnesty is only granted to those who have broken the law. The legal, foreign workers are not lawbreakers. They are, and have been, essential contributing community members for years and decades. They are de facto citizens," Doromal told *Saipan Tribune.*

The Fitial administration has yet to respond to media question on the Obama administration's latest immigration policy.

Reyes, for his part, said Obama's decision signals that "what the legal foreign workers are pushing for is not wrong. If the president could use his executive authority to help illegal immigrants, then how much more those who are long-term legal migrants?"

Syed believes that the two-year stay on deportation will provide an opportunity for the U.S. Congress to work on legislation that will allow those covered in the new DHS memo to be granted U.S. immigration status.

Doromal

"We will continue to ask the president and the U.S. Congress to also do something to help legal long-term aliens in the CNMI be granted improved status, green card or pathway to citizenship," he said.

### 'Not amnesty'

Obama's latest policy is aimed at making the nation's immigration policy more fair and more efficient—by removing the threat of deportation for young people who are low enforcement priorities, the White House said.

In his remarks, Obama said over the next few months, eligible individuals who do not present a risk to national security or public safety will be able to request temporary relief from deportation proceedings and apply for work authorization.

"Now, let's be clear—this is not amnesty, this is not immunity. This is not a path to citizenship. It's not a permanent fix. This is a temporary stopgap measure that lets us focus our resources wisely while giving a degree of relief and hope to talented, driven, patriotic young people," Obama said.

Doromal said while temporary fixes may provide a stop-gap solution and any action that would stop deportation is welcome, legal, long-term foreign workers in the CNMI have earned and deserve permanent residency status.

"In fact, they should have been granted such status decades ago. Only the U.S. Congress can grant status. We need to concentrate our efforts on getting decent status legislation passed that reflects the democratic principles and American values of our nation and addresses 'all' of the legal, foreign workers and other legal alien categories within the CNMI such as those mentioned in my draft legislation," Doromal told *Saipan Tribune.*

Individuals seeking more information on the new policy should visit USCIS's website at www.uscis.gov, ICE's website at www.ice.gov, or DHS' website at www.dhs.gov.

Similar to the sentiments of Syed, Sagana, and Reyes, Doromal said "if consideration can be given to undocumented aliens, then of course it must be given to legal aliens and those who have worked and lived in the CNMI for years and decades."

"Every long-term foreign worker in the CNMI, regardless of present status, who has served the CNMI for five or more years as a legal foreign worker, and especially those who have been victims of wage theft or other abuse, must be granted permanent residency status," she said.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) introduced HR 1466, which seeks to grant CNMI-only resident status to four groups of people, but because of political wrangling in Congress in an election year, the Republicans may remove the fourth group, mostly foreign parents of minor U.S. citizens in the CNMI.

Worker groups in the CNMI expressed disappointment with the likely removal of the fourth group from HR 1466 but at the same time said this might be the right time to expand the coverage of protection or better yet, a push for improved immigration status for all legal long-term alien workers in the CNMI.

### Labor abuses

Doromal said the victims of labor and other abuses must be made whole since the CNMI and U.S. governments failed to prosecute most of the criminal-thief employers who stole wages and failed to collect millions of dollars that are owed to thousands of foreign workers.

"By receiving permanent residency status, the long-term foreign workers would be free to work and make up for the stolen wages, illegal deductions and such. Status would end the uncertainty for workers, their family members and their employers. I learned on my trip to Washington, D.C. last week that there are those in positions of power who agree and will push our agenda," she said.

For years, Doromal has sent Obama letters, reports, and copies of testimony, as well as letters and petitions from foreign workers and their family members in the CNMI.

"I am working on a new letter and will note the humanitarian consideration given to the undocumented aliens. I will request the same consideration for all of the foreign workers presently in the CNMI. I am also sending my draft legislation and requesting the President's support for permanent residency status," she said.

Lastly, Doromal said the latest action from the Obama administration "will help the cause for justice and status."

"If so many people in positions of power see the need for undocumented aliens to be accepted as part of the American family, what more for the legal, long-term foreign workers of the CNMI?" she said.

CNMI immigration came under federal control pursuant to U.S. Public Law 110-229 signed in 2008.

# NMC's Hart wants lower tuition rate expanded

## » Regents' flexibility in setting students residency requirements proposed

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Northern Marianas College wants flexibility in setting the residency requirements for its students so that more recipients could avail of lower tuition fees.

NMC president Sharon Y. Hart pointed this out in a letter to the Senate where a related bill is pending to date. House Bill 17-294, House Draft 1, aims to provide the college Board of Regents this flexibility.

Public Law No. 3 requires that any student who wishes to avail of NMC resident tuition must have been a resident of the CNMI for at least 12 consecutive months before their first day on class.

Hart claimed that this one-year rule limits NMC's ability to lower the cost of education for prospective students. It also limits the college in providing additional incentives for new students and some continuing students to remain enrolled.

"Even more discouraging, the one-year rule prevents many categories of students like military servicemen and women returning to NMI after having served abroad from availing of the resident tuition. It even disallows CNMI students who go off to college in the U.S. mainland or elsewhere to attend NMC classes at resident rates when they return for their summer or winter breaks," said Hart, expressing the college and the board of regents' support to the pending legislation.

NMC has two types of tuition fee: resident tuition which charges $95 per credit and nonresident which charges $190 per credit.

In addition to removing barriers that impede student success, Hart said the passage of the pending bill will help NMC increase enrollment and retention rates which in turn will contribute to the college's ability to generate additional revenues.

There are four categories who will benefit from the new flexible criteria if passed: active members of the U.S. Armed Forces or the spouse or dependents; U.S. veterans eligible for a Veterans Administration education benefit, or spouse or dependents; graduates of a high school from within the CNMI or a recipient of a GED; and dependents of a person who earned a degree from NMC.

Once passed into law, the college president disclosed that the Board of Regents will amend its residency classification policy to expand the criteria for identifying students as "residents." This flexible criteria will also be in line with those policies established in many states and universities across the nation.

Finally, Hart said this will also help facilitate the CNMI's membership into the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) which allows students from member states to benefit from significantly-reduced tuition rates at various public institutions in the western U.S.

# ...announces hiring of new CFAO

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After months of studying the college's organizational structure, Northern Marianas College president Sharon Y. Hart is now ready to reinstate the chief financial administrative officer position which she earlier dissolved when she first initiated some changes in the organization's staffing.

Hart reported Thursday that management is now ready to hire a new CFAO and the announcement is expected to come this week.

Prior to the Thursday's board meeting, Hart told *Saipan Tribune* that NMC is working on some "restructuring" possibly within the organization, but she then refused to elaborate when pressed pending the management's final decision.

During Thursday's board meeting, the president admitted that NMC has been working hard on reinstating the CFAO position.

The accreditation commission placed NMC on continued show-cause and cited three remaining deficiencies and two new supplemental concerns that need to be addressed by the institution.

Majority of these unresolved concerns are related to financial planning and stability in the college as the team recommended that NMC integrates financial planning with institutional planning and the recruitment of a permanent CFAO to ensure the integral financial control at the institution.

Because of these concerns, the Board of Regents then immediately took action and reinstated the CFAO position but which was never filled right away as a result of the "request" made by Hart.

Prior to the commission's decision in February, Hart restructured some positions, including the creation of dean of administration which oversees function such as fiscal and budget office that resulted in the dissolution of CFAO post. The fiscal year budget of the college was also cited as factor that compelled NMC to leave some positions vacant.

Hart reported that since the February commission report, NMC has made great progress in addressing the institution's financial concerns.


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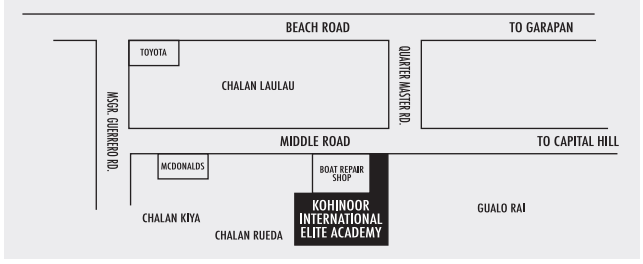



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NMI SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE RECEIVES FULL FY 2012 BUDGET

# All pending scholarship checks out for disbursement

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

The long wait for pending scholarship checks from the government would finally end this week following the CNMI Scholarship Office's announcement that its full budget for fiscal year 2012 was released a few days ago.

"We received the remaining Educational Assistance Program (EAP) Spring 2012 awards this morning to close out FY 2012. That means that all awards for the Spring 2012 semester have been processed and is currently being released to our recipients," said CNMI Scholarship Office administrator Jackie Che.

Che

The administrator said that once these awards are received and processed on their end, recipients will receive either an e-mail notification or a call from her office informing them of their award.

The budget law appropriated Che's office $810,000 to be solely used in scholarship awards of off-island recipients for the entire FY 2012. This after the Legislature decided to directly provide Northern Marianas College $1.19 million for its scholars.

In previous fiscal years, the CNMI Scholarship Office was provided a $2-million budget for both its on-island and off-island scholars. On-island scholars are those who are enrolled at the only community college on island—NMC.

For several months, the Department of Finance was delayed in issuing financial assistance to scholars—both from NMI Scholarship and the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance—due to the government's cash-flow problem. These delays have been the subject of complaints from parents and students who suffered difficulties in paying for tuition, rentals, and other college-related expenses.

According to Che, the Fall 2011 awards were released to scholars in November 2011 and January and April 2012. All pending checks for Spring 2012, meantime, were released in April and this month.

"As in the past, any funding delay is related directly to limited cash flow and the government's pending financial obligations. Our funding is derived from the general fund, and as long as we are supported by it, any developments or delays in the financial processes will impact the release of awards," she said.

Che said the Department of Finance has maintained a steady and consistent response time over the last few months and they will continue to work closely with them and NMC when it comes to processing scholarship awards.

"We remain grateful for their work and to the students who are supported by the program," added Che.

**BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT**

Happy birthday Deborah Moore. You are the best! Mucho love from your Fam Bam in Gualo Rai, Capital Hill, TES, and Dom.

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COUNCIL on DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**FIVE YEAR STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS**

**FY 2012-2016 Goals**

**SELF ADVOCACY:**

**GOAL 1**
**Form additional self advocacy groups (in CNMI).**

**GOAL 2**
**Develop a summer Camp for self advocates: one on each of the three islands of CNMI.**

**GOAL 3**
**Make CNMI more ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) friendly.**

The CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities (CNMI CDD) is seeking public comments on its amendment to FY 2012-2016 State Plan. The CNMI CDD's mission focuses on advocacy for inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life. This helps promote self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration in all facets of community life, through culturally competent programs. The Council receives funding to carry out its mission from the Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Developmental Disabilities under the provisions of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance & Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (PL 106-402). The purpose of the Act is to make sure people with developmental disabilities and their families take part in the design of and have access to needed community services, supports and other forms of assistance.

Your comments are important to the work of the Council. Please submit your commits by **July 23, 2012** using one of the following options: Visit, mail, fax, call our office or email comments to:

CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities
P.O. Box 502565, Building #1312 Anatahan Drive
Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP96950
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**Schedule of Public Hearings**

| TINIAN | ROTA | SAIPAN |
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| June 14, 2012, Thursday | June 19, 2012 Tuesday | June 22, 2012 Friday |
| WHERE: Tinian NMC Campus | WHERE: Rota NMC Campus | WHERE: Multi-Purpose Building |
| TIME: 5:30pm to 6:30pm | TIME: 5:30pm to 6:30pm | TIME: 5:30pm to 6:30pm |

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION:** If you require reasonable accommodation (e.g., large print, sign language interpreter) to participate in the Public Hearing, please contact the CNMI DD COUNCIL Office at least 3 working days in advance of the meeting to make necessary arrangements. Alternative format is available upon request.

Pamela C. Sablan, Executive Director of CNMI DD COUNCIL

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## 2012-2016 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Council on Developmental Disabilities

**State Plan Amendments Available for Public Comment**

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If you require alternative formats of the state plan amendments, please contact Elizabeth (Lillian) S. Ada at (670) 664-7000/1, email: eada.cnmicdd@gmail.com

**2012 – 2016 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Council on Developmental Disabilities State Plan Amendments**

**DRAFT**

Step 1: Collaborate with Guam about various components of the CNMI plan
Step 2: CNMI BOLD group will meet back home to review plans and identify next steps by end of April.

**GOAL #1 :** Form additional self advocacy groups (in CNMI).
How? What needs to happen? Next Steps: resources, supports, overcome barriers
Who? Who will do this? Partners & Individuals
When? Timeline

***What needs to happen?*** Plan and call a meeting of self advocates to identify other self advocates who would want to form a self-advocacy group. This group will help plan summer camp in Goal 2.

***Who will do this?*** Self advocates will develop an invitation letter with support from the DD Network who will work together to organize the meeting. Invite stakeholders, coalition, self-advocates and Guam

***Timeline:*** May to June 2012

***What needs to happen?*** Get self advocates together. Self advocates will take the lead, in starting a self advocacy organization with support of the DD partners and coalition members and in collaboration with Guam team.

***Who will do this?*** a) Ask current self advocates to identify other self advocates who would want to participate. b) Have self advocates speak at high schools about self advocacy and about joining a self advocacy group.

**Timeline:** October 2012

***What needs to happen?*** Send out information about the meeting to provide information and awareness – purpose will be to form group and to help develop the new Summer Camp. The meeting will be fun and include items to give away at the event. Use Larissa Reyes' poem when possible – to describe what self advocacy is about. Encourage others to be strong.

***Who will do this?*** Autism Society of the CNMI (ASCNMI) to make a flyer. b. Talks at school about self-determination, the meeting and the summer camp by self-advocates. c. Have self advocates give radio and TV spots about self advocacy and upcoming meeting and camp. d. Hold meetings.

***Timeline:*** April 2012 through July 2013

***What needs to happen?*** Develop a Summer Camp for self advocates: one on each of the three islands of CNMI.

***What needs to happen?*** Identify an accessible location – one on each island

***Who will do this?*** Coalition lead by three team captains will work with non-profits and stakeholders to identify camp location.

***Timeline:*** July 2012 to February 2013

**What needs to happen?** Meeting with all interested stakeholders.

***Who will do this?*** With support from DD Network: Team captains – one from each island; develop a coalition. Representatives from Saipan: Office of Autism Society (ASCNMI): will take the lead to coordinate the meetings. Tinian Coalition organization and Rota Coalition will take the lead on their island. Consideration for stakeholders, CNMI Independent Living Group (ILG), Non-profit groups, faith based organizations.

***Timeline:*** May to June 2012

***What needs to happen?*** Marketing Plan: To prepare public for the event so they will be willing to participate/volunteer. Explain why it is important. Do a press release inviting people to attend.

***Who will do this?*** Form joint committee – ADD Summit group, religious groups (explore participation), non-profits

***Timeline:*** August 2012

***What needs to happen?*** Funding

***Who will do this?*** DD Network – committed to provide support. ASCNMI will take lead to solicit funding.

***Timeline:*** Include in budgets for FY 2013 by end of August 2012

***What needs to happen?*** Personnel/staffing for the camp

***Who will do this?*** DD Network, non-profits, Volunteers, Coalition

***Timeline:*** May 2013

***GOAL #3:*** Make CNMI more ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) friendly

***What needs to happen?*** Encourage self advocates to raise accessibility issues. 1) Educate self Advocates about their rights. 2) Educate the community about self advocates accessibility needs.

***Who will do this?*** DD Network, Self-Advocates & Coalition Members

***Timeline:*** April 2012 Autism Awareness thru Self Advocate meetings and summer camps throughout 2012/2013

***What needs to happen?*** Build advocacy for increased/improved accessibility of businesses, school and government building. Increase monitoring and enforcement of regulations.

***Who will do this?*** Coalition with self-advocates; identify unmet needs that require legislation.

***Timeline:*** September 2012 thru end of Summer 2013

***What needs to happen?*** Public Awareness – Public Campaign: Information about the new Public Laws. Work with Chamber of Commerce and get them involved. Inform them about the benefits of having accessible businesses and work environments.

***Who will do this?*** Awareness activity during the awareness months throughout the year. DD Network in collaboration with Public School System and other stakeholders to develop training. Self advocates will establish a website that will publically announce the businesses that are not accessible and rate accessibility of businesses.

***Timeline:*** October 2012, March 2013, April 2013, May 2013 to July 2013

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# Man gets 6-month jail term for stealing money, checks

A man who stole a handbag that contained money and checks belonging to a restaurant manager has entered a guilty plea and was ordered to spend six months in prison.

Anthony D. Eugenio pleaded guilty last week to the charges of theft, and theft by deception.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho accepted Eugenio's guilty plea and sentenced him to five years in prison, all suspended except six months.

Camacho ordered the defendant to serve the first six months day for day, without the possibility of parole, early release, work or weekend release, or other similar programs.

The 32-year-old Eugenio was given credit for two days that he already served in jail.

After completing the jail term, the defendant will be placed on six months of probation.

"All or some of the remaining suspended sentence shall be imposed for any violation of probation conditions, including the failure to pay the restitution of $3,000 within two weeks from this order," Camacho said.

Camacho accepted the plea agreement as defendant has no prior criminal conviction or arrest, and that he offered a full payment of restitution to victims within two weeks from date of his guilty plea.

Eugenio was also required to pay a $200 fine, $100 court assessment fee, and $200 probation fee. He has also to perform 100 hours of community work service.

Among other conditions is that Eugenio shall stay away from Martha's Retail Store, Big Garden Restaurant, and from the victim, Tae Ja Choi.

Assistant attorney general Margo Brown prosecuted the case. Assistant public defender Mathew Meyer served as counsel for the defendant.

Police said Choi, the manager of Big Garden Restaurant, met with police on July 14, 2011 and reported that her handbag was stolen from her car at the Garapan Fishing Base on June 12, 2011.

The bag contained $2,250 cash, checks, and other items.

The victim was able to track down her missing checks after a man, who was later identified as Eugenio, cashed one check in the amount of $750 at Martha's Store.

Eugenio apparently told the store owner that he works part-time at Big Garden Restaurant.

Since Eugenio is a regular customer at Martha's Store, the store owner allowed the cashier to accept the check.

A week later, the store owner learned from a bank that the check was placed under stop payment. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

# 40 take part in IT&E company cleanup

CLARISSA V. DAVID
IT&E employees and their family members pose for a group photo following their quarterly cleanup along the Beach Road pathway last Saturday.

**By CLARISSA V. DAVID**
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REPORTER

About 40 IT&E employees along with family members took part in the company cleanup initiative along the Beach Road pathway last June 16.

The volunteers gathered at their meeting point by the Old Japanese Tank across from the Quartermaster Road, with some of them showing up as early as 5:30am on a weekend to pick up litter within the 2.5-mile stretch of the pathway.

The telecommunications company led Saturday's activity which is one of their many ways to give back to the island community, according to IT&E human resources director Shirley Dotts.

"We have a lot of employees who walk or run the pathway and they noticed some trash and thought it would be a nice thing to do every quarter, coming out and just clean the pathway," she told *Saipan Tribune.*

While the cleanup is voluntary, Dotts noted that they regularly get a fair number of people who participate in the quarterly activity, including those who have to work on the same day.

Dotts said that the several bags of trash they collected will be picked up by the Division of Environmental Quality which is in charge of the disposal.

Besides helping the community, the cleanup is also an opportunity to get together the IT&E employees outside work as they get to enjoy the company of one another over refreshments served following the activity. Last Saturday, the volunteers relished succulent grilled burgers and fresh local fruits.

"We want to thank them because it's all voluntary," said Dotts. "We like their spirit and being able to help the community. It's just a good thing. I think a lot of them like to do it because it is helping the community and just getting together with friends. They're enjoying themselves."

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| WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SAIPAN, INC. aka WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL, INC. | ) | CIVIL ACTION NO. 11- 0291 |
| Plaintiff, | ) | **NOTICE OF SALE** |
| -v- | ) | |
| LUCIA C. SABLAN | ) | |
| Defendant. | ) | |

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court on May 17, 2012 in this matter, I will sell, at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right, title, and interest of defendant LUCIA C. SABLAN in and to the following real property located at Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands:

**LOT 1749-NEWB-18**, (PART OF LOT 1749-NEWB PART OF ORIGINAL LOT 1749, TD 305), AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 2012/94, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS RECORDED OCTOBER 22, 1993 AS DOCUMENT NO. 93-3795 AT THE OFFICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH RECORDER, SAIPAN.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on July 2, 2012, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., at the law offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC, 2nd Floor, Tan Marikita Bldg., Beach Road at Cpl. Derence Jack Street, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Inspection of Property. It is the responsibility of each bidder to inspect the property prior to the sale. Failure to inspect the property or any portion thereof will not constitute ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

Warranties and Covenants. All property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition, and at its current location. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of title, merchantability, and/or fitness for any purpose whatsoever, all of which warranties and covenants are hereby expressly disclaimed. Neither the undersigned nor the plaintiff may give any warranty or covenant, express or implied, with respect to the property listed for sale in this Notice. Neither the undersigned nor the plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale in this Notice, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyers shall not be entitled to rescission, damages, or any other remedy on account thereof.

Conduct of Sale.

a. Reserve. The auction sale may be held with reserve. The reserve price on any property offered for sale may or may not be disclosed to bidders, in the sole discretion of the undersigned.

b. Rights and duties of auctioneer. Consistent with the laws, customs, and usages of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales, the undersigned shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale: (1) to withdraw the property listed for sale in this Notice before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted; (2) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and (3) to reject, on behalf of the seller, any or all bids, for any reason.

c. Bids. Bids may be submitted in advance for any or all of the property listed in this Notice. The highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Advance bids may be submitted only in writing, signed by the bidder, and delivered to the law offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC, 2nd Floor, Tan Marikita Bldg., Beach Road at Cpl. Derence Jack Street, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The bidder assumes all risk of non-delivery, late delivery, or mis-delivery of bids. Any person, including the plaintiff, may bid in person at the auction sale, whether or not such person has submitted an advance bid.

d. Disputes. The undersigned may resubmit any property listed in this Notice if a dispute arises as to any bid thereon.

Enforcement of Auction Sale.

a. Deposit. Every successful bidder shall pay to the undersigned a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price immediately after the sale is consummated. Payment shall be in cash or by certified check. The balance must be paid to the plaintiff, in care of Mailman & Kara, LLC, within three (3) days from the date of sale, in cash or by certified check. If the balance is not so paid, plaintiff will retain the deposit as liquidated damages, and will again offer the property for sale.

b. Memorandum of Sale. If requested by the undersigned, every successful bidder must sign a Memorandum of Sale, immediately after the sale of any property is struck off at auction.

c. Court Approval. Every sale may be subject to approval by the Court. The auctioneer makes no warranties or promises with respect to court approval of the sale, including but not limited to the time in which such approval may be granted. No delay in the granting of court approval shall be ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any successful bidder. The successful bidder will be promptly notified if and when court approval is sought, and if and when it is granted.

Change of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned and the plaintiff reserve the right to change any of the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 7th day of June , 2012.

/s/ RONNIE D. HODGES, Auctioneer

**Procurement And Supply**
**CNMI Government**

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

**RFQ NO.: RFQ12-DEQ-070**
SUBMISSION: JULY 12, 2012 TIME: 2:00 P.M.

**"PROVISION OF ENVIROMENTAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ASTM PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT FOR SOIL OF POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED BROWNFIELDS SITES ON SAIPAN FOR THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY"**

The Scope of Work is available on or after **June 11, 2012** at the DEQ office located in the Gualo Rai Center Building, during regular working hours, Monday through Friday, except holidays.

**A pre-proposal conference** is scheduled for **June 28, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.** in the 2nd Floor DEQ Conference Room (Rm. 205).

This is a federally funded project; as such, local preference is not available because it's use is prohibited by federal law granting funding for this project.

/S/ FRANK M. RABAULIMAN
DIRECTOR, DEQ

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
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**SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PERIMETER FENCE/ROADSIDE/DITCH/ AND RESTRICTED AREA GRASS CUTTING PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-003-12**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting sealed proposals for perimeter fence/roadside/ditch and restricted area grass cutting for a period of **two years** at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The scope of work entails providing continuous grass cutting services for the Airport as described in the scope of work. The **proposal package** which includes the **scope of work, evaluation factors, draft agreement, and insurance requirements** will be available at the Office of the Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning **Monday, June 11, 2012**. Proposers must submit all required documents listed in the scope of work. All responses to this RFP shall also take into account any and all costs that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project. Proposers shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *"Perimeter Fence/Roadside/Ditch and Restricted Area Grass Cutting at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport."* One original and three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2012**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

All proposals will be evaluated based on the following factors: (1) price, (2) company experience, (3) company experience, (4) sufficiency of workers, (5) available resources (funds and groundwork tools and equipment) and (6) valid CNMI Business License.

A **pre-proposal conference** will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **10:00 am, Friday, June 22, 2012** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. All prospective proposers may attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director in writing at least 7 days prior to the pre-proposal conference.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

CPA assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of offeror's preparation of the proposal or supply under the contract. This RFP does not commit to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Proposals received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Executive Director

Date: May 30, 2012

# Flashback

## A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

### Jun. 18, 2001

**USDA eases ban on entry of RP mangoes**

The US Department of Agriculture has announced that it will soon allow the importation of mangoes from the Philippines - but only those that come from the island of Guimaras. Mitchell Nelson, director of the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) said they decided to amend their regulations on the importation of Philippine mangoes to clear the way for the entry of Guimaras-grown mangoes into the US market as the island has been found to be free of the mango seed weevil, a pest that the United States does not have. He clarified, though, that since there is no basis yet to believe that Guimaras Island is free of fruit flies, mangoes coming from that island will have to be treated with vapor heat before being imported. The entire process has to be done under the supervision of an APHIS inspector.

**Court bans worker from entering NMI**

The Superior Court has imposed a five-year ban on the reentry of a Filipino worker into the Northern Marianas, for alleged violation of the Nonresident Workers Act. The court's ruling upheld the decision of the Department of Labor and Immigration, banning the reentry of Perfecto C. Ramos into the CNMI. Ramos, a nonresident worker, reportedly maintained shares of stock with the locally-based Magusa, Inc. The Nonresident Workers Act prohibits nonresident workers from engaging into business activities and employment other than what is stipulated in their entry permit.

### Jun. 18, 2002

**Salas is now CRM chief**

More than a year after occupying the post in an acting capacity, Joaquin D. Salas yesterday took over as the official Administrator of the Coastal Resources Management Office. This comes soon after Gov. Juan N. Babauta officially appointed Salas to the post effective immediately. Salas said his permanent appointment to the post only boosts his drive to do more good for the Commonwealth's coastal environment.

**DLNR seeks closer ties with DEQ**

Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Tom Pangelinan has requested the Division of Environmental Quality to share with his office the results of monitoring activities on Managaha Island's beaches. Pangelinan cited as reason Managaha Island's importance on the image of the Northern Marianas as a safe and clean recreation tour destination. "Managaha is a sanctuary also. That's our jurisdiction," Pangelinan said in an interview. "We're willing to work hand in hand with any other agencies that come across our pathway."

### Jun. 18, 2003

**Diego: Admin comfortable with 702 funding for next year**

Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente said the administration is comfortable with the $11-million Covenant Section 702 funding being proposed for the CNMI for Fiscal Year 2004, despite an expressed disappointment by the Resident Representative that the CNMI could have obtained much more. Benavente said the administration is glad of the continued federal assistance, even if it is set at the FY03 level, as this comes amid reported moves by certain U.S. Congress members to eliminate the Covenant Section 702 funding altogether. "When we started planning last year to put together the talks for the Covenant 702, we were assured by [Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs] Mr. David B. Cohen and the [Bush] administration that the same level of $11 million would be provided. And that's the reason why we did not find it necessary to rush into seeking for the FY04 since it's already provided in the language," said the lieutenant governor.

**Lack of quorum cancels CUC meeting**

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's Board of Directors canceled its special board meeting scheduled yesterday due to the lack of quorum. Two of the remaining five members of the supposed eight-member CUC board failed to show up in yesterday's board meeting reportedly due to "emergencies." Joseph Torres reportedly had to attend to a sick father at the Commonwealth Health Center, and Velma Ann Palacios was said to have a prior medical appointment. Both Palacios and Torres have informed the board of their unavailability in advance. The CUC's policy-making body, however, decided to move ahead with the announcement for yesterday's meeting.

'CELEBRATING OUR PEOPLE'

# Hyatt honors staff in 3-day campaign

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Hyatt Regency Saipan joins other Hyatt hotels from around the world in honoring over 80,000 employees this week for the "Celebrating Our People" initiative during the week of June 18.

The 317-room hotel strategically located in the shopping and entertainment district of Garapan recognizes its employees as "the most important asset" of Hyatt Regency Saipan, thus planning on devoting three consecutive days for them.

Luis Villagomez, assistant marketing communications manager, said that the three-day event highlights several activities to which Hyatt Regency Saipan associates can participate.

"These activities promote teamwork and camaraderie amongst team members, a trait very essential to a Hyatt team member," he said.

Among these activities, Villagomez said, are "Taga Fit" or Hyatt Regency Saipan's version of Cross Fit, a blindfold game called "Total Black Out," Desperate Housewives' Cook Off, and Paddle Surf Race.

Villagomez noted that awarding of the "Hystars of the Year" or Employee of the Year awards for guest services and operations support staff will be presented during the three-day event.

The assistant manager also said that the event is also an opportunity for employees to celebrate Hyatt's mission "to make a difference in the lives of others" by taking part in the Global Volunteer Initiative or Hyatt Thrive.

Hyatt Thrive is a corporate initiative driven by Hyatt's passion to serve others. Hyatt believes that there are four essential areas to a thriving community: environmental sustainability, economic development and investment, education and personal advancement, and health and wellness.

To promote the last essential area, Hyatt Regency Saipan through Hyatt Thrive will be hosting "Run For A Cause" on June 30.

Registration fee for "Run For A Cause" is $35 per person and must be paid by June 22. An additional $10 fee will be paid for late registration.

To register for "Run For A Cause," visit Club Elan Fitness Centre or call 323-5850. For information about the "Celebrating Our People" initiative, call 234-1234 ext. 5858.

# JKPL replenishes book shelves

More new books are now available at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library after it received its latest McNaughton titles to add to its collection.

Children's Library associate Erlinda Naputi said the 18 titles are now available for circulation.

Naputi earlier said that these books are requested by patrons of the CNMI's state library and are made available either by donation or through the loan service with McNaughton.

These books are *The Lost Years* by Mary Higgins Clark, *Stay Close* by Harlan Coben, *An Accidental Affair* by Eric Jerome Dickey, *Force of Nature* by C.J. Box, *Born of Silence* by Sherrilyn Kenyon, *Sacre Bleu* by Christopher Moore, *Guilty Wives* by James Patterson, *The Reverend's Wife* by Kimberla Lawso Roby, *Betrayal* by Danielle Steel, *Lover Reborn* by J.R. Ward, *Unnatural Acts* by Stuart Woods, *Game Over* by Bill Moushey, *No, They Can't* by John Stossel, *O.J. is innocent and I can prove it!* By William Dear, *Never Say Never* by Ricki Lake, *You Have No Idea* by Vanessa Williams, and *Dead is Just a Rumor and Dead is not an Option* by Marlene Perez. ***(Clarissa V. David)***

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Special Meeting of the Board is scheduled on **Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan.** The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMARY MATTERS
a. Call to Order
b. Roll Call
c. Adoption of Agenda
Adoption of Minutes: May 17, 2012 Special Board Meeting.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
a. HOME Loans for Review & Approval
b. QAP 2012 Public Hearing Update
c. Renewal of Legal Services Contract
d. Disaster Vouchers
e. CDBG Update (Response from PSS re: Construction of Junior High School Facility)
f. FY 2011 Audit Status

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

V. OTHER MATTERS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
Chairwoman of the Board

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TSL Plaza – up to 6:00pm
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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The CNMI WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Program is pleased to announce that they are now accepting applications for Saipan, Tinian and Rota Vendors.

All interested vendors may pick up an application at the main office located on Upper Navy Hill Building # N-25, starting April 05, 2012 through June 28, 2012 (Monday to Thursday) or request for an application via email at fabianu@cnmiwic.org.

Applications must be submitted to the CNMI WIC Program office no later than 4:00 p.m., June 28, 2012.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to carefully read through the information provided to ensure minimum qualifications are met.

Inquiries and technical questions may be directed to the Vendor Management Coordinator, Fabian M. Ulloa at (670) 664-4066, by email at fabianu@cnmiwic.org or by facsimile at (670) 664-4069.

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/s/ Juan N. Babauta
Chief Executive Officer
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

/s/ Carmen C. Cabrera
Administrator
CNMI WIC Program



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In an effort to strengthen our Program Integrity, the CNMI WIC Program would like to inform the General Public to report suspicious activities from WIC vendors and/or participants committing Fraud and Abuse by contacting the Quality Assurance Coordinator, Mr. Ponce Rasa at (670) 664-4068 and (670) 285-4068 or email at poncer@cnmiwic.org and the Vendor Management Coordinator, Mr. Fabian Ulloa at (670) 664-4066 and (670) 285-4073 or email at fabianu@cnmiwic.org.

Remember all tips or reports are kept confidential and callers may choose to remain anonymous.

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/s/ Juan N. Babauta
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## Horse racing and cocaine cowboys

The Zetas drug cartel in Mexico has a "main cocaine client" based in Dallas, which gives our city an ignominious central role in a vast criminal enterprise that has now extended its tentacles into the horse racing business in the United States. Bulk currency pickups—the hard cash generated by drug sales—also take place on our streets. This illicit trade generates so much money that the most efficient way to transport it is in ice chests.

These details are included in an FBI affidavit accompanying a search warrant for a property in Balch Springs, Texas, a modest ranch house with a chain link fence that, according to federal officials, was at the center of drug-laundering operations for the Mexican cartel. The indictment, announced this week, reveals how extensively the drug network has expanded its reach into the United States and again reminds us that this menace is now firmly rooted in Texas.

The Zetas, based just across the border from Laredo, funnel "thousands of kilos of cocaine and other narcotics" into the United States every year, according to the indictment. The conspiracy alleged by the federal government accuses the Zetas of setting up an elaborate system to launder the money by investing in American quarter horses, a short-distance racing breed popular in the Southwest and California.

Here's how it worked:

Cash generated by drug sales in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and elsewhere was sent to Nuevo Laredo, across the Texas border, and deposited in Mexican money-exchange houses. It was converted into pesos, then those pesos were used to buy dollars. Expenses generated by the Zetas' interests in racing, including the purchase and maintenance of hundreds of horses, would be paid through wire transfers. As much as $1 million a month was laundered in this fashion beginning in 2008, according to the indictment.

As it turns out, we were unwitting hosts to the conspiracy. The business accused of running it, Tremor Enterprises, is based in Balch Springs. One of the cartel's most successful investments, Tempting Dash, has been held at a ranch outside Austin for several years. In October 2009, the horse ran in two races at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie and won over $180,000.

If you were in the parking lot of the Wal-Mart on Buckner Road one day in 2009, the conspiracy was playing out around you, according to an informant cited in the FBI affidavit. As much as $150,000 in cash was handed over—presumably the proceeds from drug sales on our streets—to the Zetas' point person in the racing business. He would have been the man in the white Suburban, parked in the lot with the lights on.

That single exchange in our own backyard is shocking because it seems so routine, so effortless and so blatant. Worse yet, it is proof that this vast and murderous criminal enterprise is now part of our landscape. That, too, should alarm us all.

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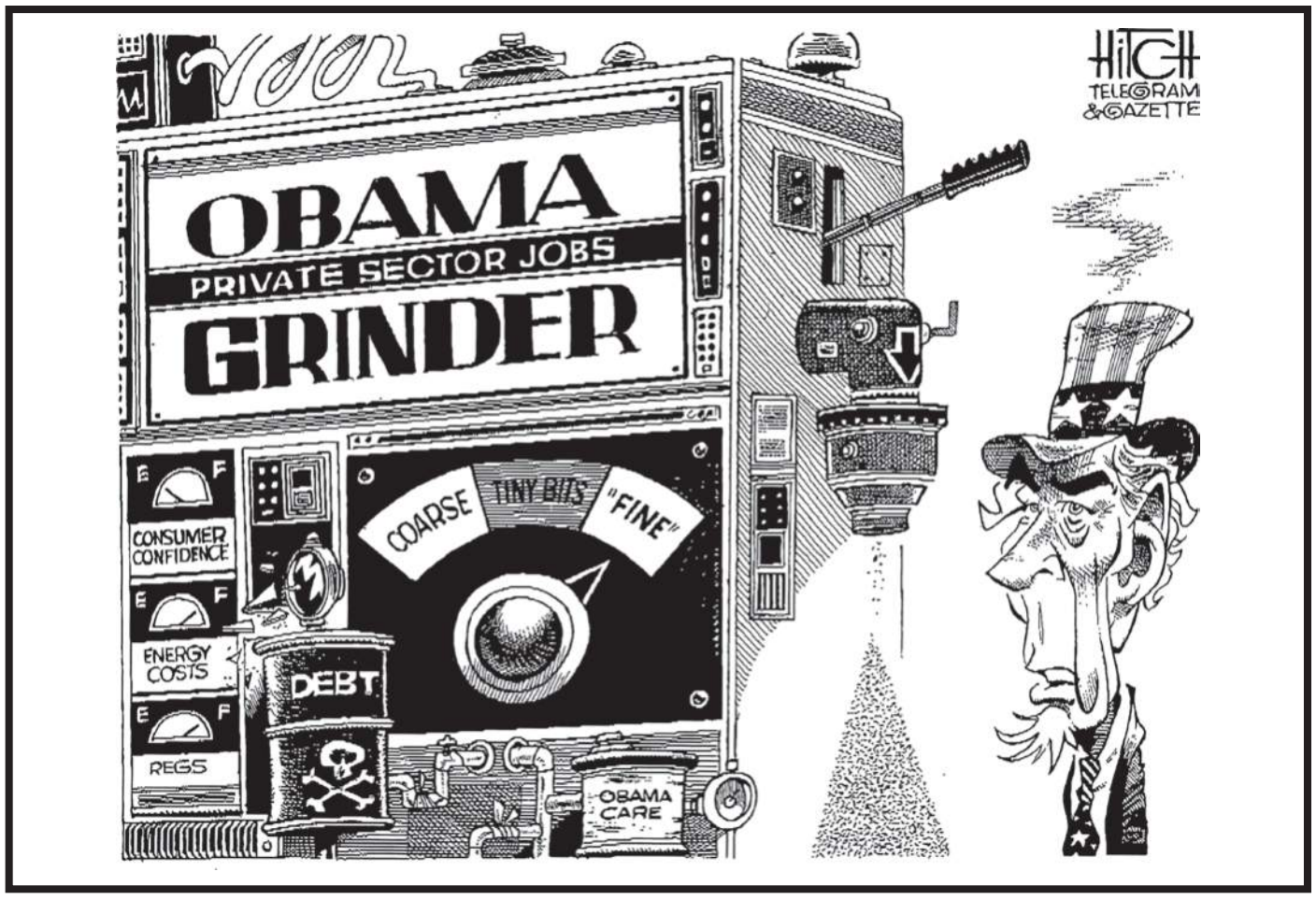


## The local labor force training has begun

**By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO**
*Special to the* Saipan Tribune

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Along with you I ponder daily what we can do to restore our economy. After much research I have learned that one of the most effective ways to restore prosperity and harmony in any community is to create work for its citizens. When people are happily working and earning money, there is little time for complaining. Research the states with high unemployment rates and other countries around the world struggling to survive. Behind each of their problems is the high rate of unemployment which is causing much turmoil.

People need work to buy daily necessities and to feel personally needed. Idle hands cause most of our problems whether it involves youth or senior citizens. Work is vital to a steady growth and to a stable community.

Why are we not seriously considering this important issue on how to solve it instead of pursuing parasitic enterprises as casino gambling and keeping a large nonresident work force while creating a high employment rate among our local citizens? Consequently these unemployed local citizens line up for ever-increasing food stamp assistance or leave the islands in search of jobs. Notice the steadily increasing petty crime rate that can be attributed to non-employment. How many employed people commit these crimes?

So many young people are graduating from colleges and are finding little prospects for work. Why should they return home? A high unemployment rate will destroy any economy. Where do we in the CNMI stand on this issue?

Why do we still insist that we need thousands of nonresident workers while thousands of our citizens line up for food stamps? Why can't we understand that outside investors cannot restore our economy? This can only be done when a majority of our people are gainfully employed. Money earned must stay here and circulate here. People working are happy people. We cannot afford imported labor any longer. We must do our own work including skilled trades. For a starter, why aren't our people working alongside the non-resident workers? It appears to be an exclusive club. There is a law that states that all government contract must have at least 30 percent local work force. Hmn, do we see this happening as we drive around the island past various projects? Why isn't this law enforced?

The Northern Marianas Trades Institute, located in Lower Base, is one institute that is trying to correct this problem. Its ultimate goal is to train local citizens to become skilled and educated workers. Local individuals, both male and female, are invited to be trained to fill jobs that in the past have been filled by non-resident workers. In a few years we will need thousands of trained local personnel to handle almost any work. The CNMI has more of a potential local labor force than anyone has counted. Consider the over 11,000 food stamp recipients. How many of them are capable of working or even want to work?

There still remains a mindset among many employers that must be overcome in that they prefer hiring non-resident workers. Despite this, some employers are beginning to hire NMTI's students. These employers are realizing that our students are capable and motivated workers. All of these young men and women are the promise of a skilled local workforce capable of performing well in the workplace.

When you visit the institute you will see five classrooms totally constructed by the students. All the framing, trim work, ceiling, walling, painting and lighting was done by the students. In fact, all the improvements in the institute since it started have been done by the students. NMTI stresses hands—on--training.

At the institute students are taught the three **H's**. The first **H** is for the head in which students develop attitudes. A student learns to develop a positive attitude towards his work, his fellow workers, his employer and himself. Without a positive attitude, the student will never become a good craftsman.

The second **H** stands for the heart. From the heart the student learns work ethics and moral responsibility. He learns to respect himself, his fellow workers, his employer and customer. He realizes that he must be at work on time and be responsible. Without a good work ethic, he will never be a good craftsman with pride.

The third **H** stands for hands. With his hands and tools, the student creates things inspired by the head and heart. Until he understands that he must combine the Head, the Heart with the Hands, he will remain only a mediocre worker and never a craftsman. Thus by learning the three **H**'s the student becomes a valuable asset to himself and to his community.

All local citizens are welcomed as students from the age of 16 to 86, male or female. Student financial aid may be available for needy students. The only requirement is a strong desire to learn a skill. In addition, NMTI will assist finding the student a job while he is learning a trade. Thus in a few weeks the student will be gainfully employed. Many of NMTI's students have found jobs at CUC, the Hyatt, and many other places of employment while studying.

NMTI is blessed to have a man as Vic Cepeda as the Education Director. Many may remember him as the former principal of Marianas High School. Vic is totally dedicated and enthusiastic about improving the work habits of all the students. He is constantly counseling them. You will see him at PTA meetings encouraging parents to send their sons and daughters to NMTI. As he constantly reminds me: "This is our island. We must train our local people."

NMTI has staff members who are dedicated to helping students fulfill their dreams in the workplace. All instructors who share their skill and work experience with the students are certi-

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# And now, the Papas

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*Special to the* Saipan Tribune

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Tevye and the Papas sing the wonderful paean to 'tradition' in *Fiddler on the Roof*: *Who, day and night, must scramble for a living, feed a wife and children, say his daily prayers? And who has the right, as master of the house, to have the final word at home? The Papa, The Papa! Tradition.* Golde, Tevye's wife, counters with the Mamas but our reflection today hangs on the Papas.

At my parent's house, Tevye would last 10 minutes. That is only because my mother would offer him snacks first before sending him on his way.

Tevye and the Papas in the movie are oblivious of the drag of patriarchy that makes both men and women suffer. Patriarchy, the rule of the fathers, has been a feature of Empire since the sun god presided over the pyramids. We have all suffered that long.

Women constitute half of the world's population but by the UN report of 1980, they receive only a tenth of the income and virtually own no property of their own. China's revival of an old saying that declares "women hold half of the sky" is cute but true only to the degree that women physically labor for survival just as much, if not more, than their male counterpart.

China's record on the preference on sons, particularly in the one-child policy incepted in 1980 targeting zero population growth by 2000, resulted in a population imbalance between men and women, with women numbering less men by a ratio of 48 to 52. Reports of female infanticide and selective abortions are common.

I was just 10 when Papa pursued graduate studies in the United States, leaving mother and five kids behind in Pea Eye for five years. By the time I noticed skirts after puberty, I wrote my Dad about the strange heart throbs towards a particular girl, and asked for his permission to be more intimately related to her. His response is an example of his fathering style, at least, with the boys.

"If you are to be an extension of your mother and my personality, then your choice will be our choice," he wrote back. On my 16th birthday after he returned, my Dad's temperance heritage did not bar him from offering me a bottle of San Miguel stating that it was time for the drinking to be a choice rather than an item of prohibition.

He was, however, silent regarding my youngest sister's desire to study Medicine. Mother took the traditional view that girls were to be nurses rather than doctors, so my sister went for a BSN. Papa offered no protest and we were too young to know any better.

My eldest two daughters would have wanted a firmer input on my part their careers but I pretty much left them to their own ambitions, and their own devices. I neither desired, nor have the wherewithal, to chart their destiny.

They have since brought into being four young lads; one calls me *ye ye* (grandpa). "He watches Kai-lan on TV kindertoon *Xie Xie* where he picks up Chinese vocabulary," his mother gleefully reports.

"We live in a world where women can be bought and men can rape and even kill their wives under the protection of the law," write the authors of *The Road from Empire to Ecodemocracy,* a book we highly recommend. The worldwide criminalization of abortion until *Roe v. Wade* is at its root an insistence that male-dominated governments control women's bodies. Most revealing is the report that there are 3,000 animal shelters in the U.S. but only 700 shelters for battered women!

My Dad would have been 100 this year. He lived to be 95 before he claimed his spot on the slopes of Mililani in Oahu five years ago. On my last visit to my 91-year-old mother, in a lapse of memory, she inquired as if Dad just went out to get the daily paper. When I informed her that he was resting quietly in Mililani, she stared at her wall, and tears started streaming down her cheeks. She misses him; she was not a battered wife.

Fathering and mothering are related functions of nurture before they are forms of status and social roles. Male roles have for so long been debasing their female counterparts. It does not come as a surprise to see the same attitude in society's attitude toward the utilization of ecological resources.

A visible consequence of the scientific approach of China's educational system has been the neglect of the emotional side of the psyche, and the denial of the sexual ebb and flow pronounced in the female of the specie. My Chinese-Canadian colleague claims that she does not recall her educated parents, not even Mom, ever giving her a hug!

The subjugation of personal emotions is evident in the elaborate rituals of harmony attendant to the Chinese systems of etiquette. Passion is suspect after the excesses of the Cultural Revolution, is avoided, sublimated on women, and decried in men. The emotive child got thrown out with the bathwater.

But a current popular song affirms that, *nan ren kuba bu shi cuo,* "there is no shame on the man who cries." There is hope.

My class of English learners hide behind thoughts and ideas, for abstract terms litter the path of Chinese discourse in the university, skewing basic sense descriptions as too elementary, and expression of feelings as too effeminate. Communication suffers.

Forget the necktie and the iPad. Hug Papa on Father's Day. He might discover that dismantling the vestiges of patriarchy in Empire is a manly task, recover his humanity, and quit posturing, like in the Legislature!

# Being a father is the best thing

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The most recent Estigoy family photo shoot at the executive room of Linden Suites in Ortigas, Pasig City, Philippines.

Mario Estigoy believes that being a father is the best thing. Mario and Irene bore eight children in all—Ched, Mina, Marjun, Marlon, Marvin, Marinel, Goldie, and Maggie. The children remember that when they were small, their father would say that being with his family makes him the happiest man on earth.

They had many regular family events together like having picnics at Rizal Park under the moon and the stars. Being a mining engineer, Mario brought his family along with him in the mining fields. One particular tradition that everyone looks forward to is the family picture taking which happens every five years. The photo is framed nicely and hung on the wall of the Estigoy's residence. The photos tell the story about Estigoy's brood.

The first is a black and white photo. The kids were small and would meekly take their position. The photo taken in the '80s, shows his children, now mostly in their teens, wearing frizzy and spiked hair. Later, they are seen with toddlers on their laps.

Later, the family began to spice up their photo shoots with a theme—summer look, Filipiniana, and recently, a corporate look.

It's also Mario and Irene's 50th wedding anniversary family photo to shoot. Now in their 70s, Mario and Irene are stationed at Tayug, Pangasinan where Mario serves as a Baptist minister. It was during a family crisis in the '80s, that Mario and Irene along with their children experienced renewed faith in the Lord.

Their shared personal faith in God bound them closer, supporting each other through the their life's journey. Six of their children are now married and they have 10 grandchildren in all. This time, it became a real challenge to gather the whole brood because Marlon works on Saipan and his wife, Florence, works in the States.

Marinel and her husband Jun work in Canada. The photo shoot became extra special because it was held in a stylishly furnished continental executive room of Linden Suites in Ortigas, Pasig City. The family felt like members of the *buena familia* of a telenovela. Well, they might not be actually rich and famous but they cannot ask for anything more in life. The overflowing love and joy they share in each other's presence indeed makes them a *buena familia* in every sense of the word.

**Ched Estigoy Arzadon**
*U.P. Diliman, Philippines*

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fied by the Center for Construction and Education Research. In addition WIA under the direction of Edith Deleon Guerrero has been a great supporter of NMTI by offering grants to qualified students. All of these people realize the importance of the institute's mission.

NMTI is certified by the National Center for Construction and Education Research Institute (NCCER) which is affiliated with the University of Florida, Construction Department. Also during the past two years NMTI has received two grants. One is from the Department of Labor and the other is from the Department of Commerce to help the non-profit NMTI. Two other major contributors have been the First Hawaiian Bank and Tan Holdings.

There is no better way for anyone seeking to better himself than by visiting NMTI to find out how it can help. Our nonresident work force is slowly being made to leave. Let us prepare ourselves for the change. None of us are too old to begin a new career especially in a vocational trade. There is no such animal as "retirement."

There is much more to explain, however I invite you to visit NMTI and meet some of the students. Please talk to them about their training. The students' reactions are the real test of the quality of training and pride that is being instilled in them.

With your continuing support, the CNMI can have its own skilled labor force and be less dependent on outside labor in a few short years. The institute is eligible for educational tax credits of up to $5,000.00. Your contribution will help greatly. Please consider offering it to NMTI.

Please visit NMTI soon and meet some of the students. Or maybe become one yourself and find a new career. At least recommend NMTI to your children and friends. Also when in need of trained and motivated employees for building or repair work, please call 235-6684 for further information.

The sooner we replace our over 11,000 nonresident workers with our own citizens, the sooner our prosperity will return. Success will come only when we do the work to be done with our own two hands. We have more potential workers than we realize and a sure road to prosperity. A nation at work is a prosperous and a happy one.

It's not too late to rediscover yourself. Visit us at the Northern Marianas Trade Institute or call 235-6684. And don't forget to SMILE as you walk in.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | ▲86 | ▼78 |
| Pohnpei | Thunderstorms | ▲85 | ▼75 |
| Kosrae | Thunderstorms | ▲85 | ▼75 |
| Majuro | Showers | ▲86 | ▼80 |

## Around The Globe

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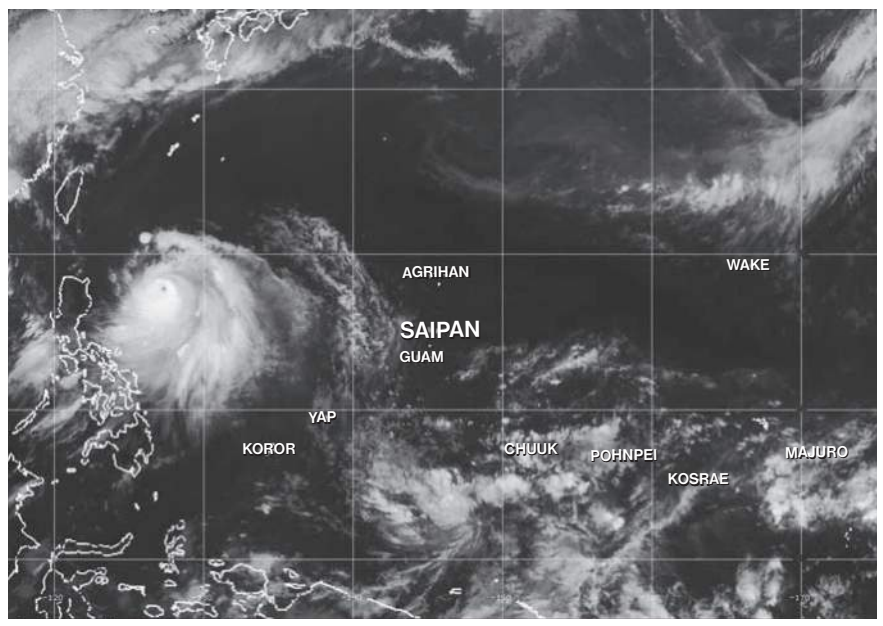
| Auckland | Showers | ▲61 | ▼56 |
| Beijing | Partly Cloudy | ▲92 | ▼66 |
| Hong Kong | Thundershowers | ▲89 | ▼82 |
| Honolulu | Windy | ▲83 | ▼74 |
| London | Rain | ▲64 | ▼54 |
| Los Angeles | Partly Cloudy | ▲76 | ▼60 |
| Manila | Thundershowers | ▲88 | ▼81 |
| Melbourne | Showers | ▲56 | ▼47 |
| Miami | Showers | ▲85 | ▼77 |
| New York | Partly Cloudy | ▲75 | ▼64 |
| Osaka | Thundershowers | ▲77 | ▼71 |
| Paris | Rain | ▲71 | ▼56 |
| Pusan | Thundershowers | ▲76 | ▼68 |
| Rome | Sunny | ▲89 | ▼67 |
| Salem | Mostly Cloudy | ▲64 | ▼50 |
| San Francisco | Sunny | ▲65 | ▼53 |
| Seoul | Cloudy | ▲84 | ▼67 |
| Tokyo | Showers | ▲75 | ▼69 |
| Washington, DC | Mostly Sunny | ▲85 | ▼70 |

## Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00AM, SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2012**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough stretches southeastward from near Yap at 11N140E to a weak circulation centered southwest of Chuuk at 2N148E then turns northeastward to end southwest of Wake Island at 15N160E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present near these features across eastern Yap, Chuuk and Pohnpei states or south of a line from 7N140E to 10N159E. Isolated thunderstorms are found farther north within 60 miles of a line from 11N150E to 13N156E to 11N160E. Converging trade winds are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over the Marshall Islands between 1N and 9N from 165E to 180. Cloudiness and widespread rain associated with a frontal boundary are seen north of Wake Island or north of a line from 25N153E to 22N166E to 25N175E.

## Tides

**Saipan Harbor**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1:51 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 1.2 Feet |
| 6:43 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.8 Feet |
| 2:17 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.2 Feet |
| 9:23 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.8 Feet |

## Sunrise/Sunset

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|---|---|---|
| Today | 5:47 AM | 6:49 PM |
| Tuesday | 5:47 AM | 6:49 PM |
| Wednesday | 5:48 AM | 6:49 PM |
| Thursday | 5:48 AM | 6:50 PM |
| Friday | 5:48 AM | 6:50 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

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|---|---|---|
| Today | 4:26 AM | 5:40 PM |
| Tuesday | 5:14 AM | 6:30 PM |
| Wednesday | 6:05 AM | 7:18 PM |
| Thursday | 6:57 AM | 8:04 PM |
| Friday | 7:49 AM | 8:49 PM |

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| DEPARTURES | | | | ARRIVALS | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)** | | | | **ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)** | | | |
| UA5062 | 2:40am | 3:10am | 1, 3, 5 | UA5062 | 3:40am | 5:40am | 1, 3, 5 |
| **SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)** | | | | **GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN** | | | |
| UA5070 | 4:35am | 5:25am | 2, 4, 6, 7 | UA5062 | 2:40am | 4:15am | 1, 3, 5 |
| UA5062 | 4:50am | 5:40am | 1, 3, 5 via ROP | UA 5069 | 2:45am | 3:35am | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5068 | 8:40am | 9:30am | Daily | UA5071 | 7:10am | 8:00am | Daily |
| UA5074 | 11:30pm | 12:20pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 | UA5073 | 10:05am | 10:55am | Daily |
| UA5076 | 3:10pm | 4:00pm | Daily | UA5075 | 1:45pm | 2:35pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA5078 | 6:50pm | 7:40pm | Daily | UA5077 | 5:25pm | 6:15pm | Daily |
| UA5072 | 9:55pm | 10:45pm | Daily | UA5079 | 8:35pm | 9:25pm | Daily |
| **SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)** | | | | **NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN** | | | |
| DL287 | 6:05am | 8:45am | Daily | DL298 | 10:25am | 3:00pm | Daily |
| DL297 | 4:35pm | 7:20pm | Daily | DL288 | 8:15pm | 12:50am+1 | Daily |
| **SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)** | | | | **SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN** | | | |
| OZ606 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 | OZ603 | 8:50am | 2:20pm | Daily |
| OZ606 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 | OZ605 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ604 | 3:30pm | 6:55pm | Daily | OZ605 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| **SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)** | | | | **GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN** | | | |
| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 | 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |
| **SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)** | | | | **SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN** | | | |
| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 7 | 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| **SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)** | | | | **MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN** | | | |
| OZ606/701 | 2:20am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN | DL172/288 | 7:50am | 12:50am+1 | Daily via NRT |
| OZ606/701 | 2:50am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN | UA190/5077 | 10:55am | 6:15pm | 3, 6 via GUM |
| | | | | UA190/5079 | 10:55am | 9:25pm | 3, 6 via GUM |
| UA5070/191 | 4:35am | 9:55am | 3, 6 via GUM | OZ702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| DL287/173 | 6:05am | 10:00pm | Daily via NRT | OZ702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UA5076/183 | 3:10pm | 8:45pm | Daily via GUM | | | | |
| UA5076/193 | 3:10pm | 10:25pm | 2, 5 via GUM-Palau | PR110/UA5071 | 10:10pm | 8:00am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
| OZ604/703 | 3:30pm | 10:45pm | Daily via ICN | UA192/5071 | 9:45pm | 8:00am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM-Palau |
| UA5072/PR111 | 9:55pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM | UA184/5071 | 10:55pm | 8:00am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| | | | | UA184/5071 | 11:25pm | 8:00am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |
| | | | | OZ704/603 | 11:45pm | 2:20pm+1 | Daily via ICN |
| **SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)** | | | | **HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN** | | | |
| OZ606/721 | 2:20am | 11:50pm | 1 via ICN | OZ724/603 | 12:30am | 2:20pm | Daily via ICN |
| OZ606/721 | 2:50am | 11:50pm | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN | OZ722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| | | | | OZ722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| UA5076/147 | 3:10pm | 9:45pm | 1, 5 via GUM | UA180/5071 | 10:35pm | 8:00am+1 | 1, 5 via GUM |
| OZ604/723 | 3:30pm | 10:40pm | Daily via ICN | | | | |

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## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 7:30 | 8:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 8:20 | 8:50 | Daily |
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 300 | 17:00 | 17:30 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | 17:50 | 18:20 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 200 | 9:30 | 10:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | 10:20 | 10:45 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 18:55 | 19:25 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 19:40 | 20:10 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Tinian** | | | |
| FRE 101 | 6:45 | 6:55 | Daily |
| FRE 103 | 7:30 | 7:40 | Daily |
| FRE 105 | 8:00 | 8:10 | Daily |
| FRE 107 | 8:40 | 8:50 | Daily |
| FRE 109 | 9:10 | 9:20 | Daily |
| FRE 111 | 10:45 | 10:55 | Daily |

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRE 115 | 13:00 | 13:10 | Daily |
| FRE 117 | 14:30 | 14:40 | Daily |
| FRE 119 | 16:00 | 16:10 | Daily |
| FRE 121 | 16:40 | 16:50 | Daily |
| FRE 123 | 17:40 | 17:50 | Daily |
| FRE 125 | 18:30 | 18:40 | Daily |
| **Tinian–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 102 | 7:05 | 7:15 | Daily |
| FRE 104 | 7:50 | 8:00 | Daily |
| FRE 106 | 8:20 | 8:30 | Daily |
| FRE 108 | 9:00 | 9:10 | Daily |
| FRE 110 | 10:00 | 10:10 | Daily |
| FRE 112 | 11:05 | 11:15 | Daily |
| FRE 114 | 12:00 | 12:10 | Daily |
| FRE 116 | 13:30 | 13:40 | Daily |
| FRE 118 | 14:50 | 15:00 | Daily |
| FRE 120 | 16:20 | 16:30 | Daily |
| FRE 122 | 17:00 | 17:10 | Daily |
| FRE 124 | 18:05 | 18:15 | Daily |
| FRE 126 | 18:50 | 19:00 | Daily |

# OAG closes out one OPA recommendation

The Office of the Attorney General submitted an official response to a fourth outstanding audit recommendation this month in its effort to improve compliance with recommendations from the Office of the Public Auditor. The closure of the fourth recommendation would bring the OAG's number of outstanding recommendations, all of which were issued between April 23, 1997, and Aug. 6, 2003, down from 11 to seven. This reduces the Office's amount of outstanding recommendations by 36 percent.

The recommendation was redirected to the OAG on Dec. 12, 2000, and it concerned bribery and fraud in connection with a Tinian land survey contract. Specifically, a contractor bribed several public officials to approve a drastically overpriced contract for unnecessary work that was never performed. The U.S. Attorney's Office filed an action against the contractor and the parties stipulated to a plea agreement whereby he was sentenced to eight months in prison. The contractor also agreed to pay restitution, valued at $151,314.69 as of October 2009. OPA requested the OAG to investigate the recovery of restitution award.

During its investigation, the OAG discovered that contractor had filed for bankruptcy in 2009, which would ordinarily make it more difficult to collect the outstanding restitution. However, the U.S. Attorney's Office placed liens on the contractor's real properties in 2002. Recently, the court also approved the United States' request to foreclose upon the several real properties to satisfy the judgment. The bankruptcy trustee, U.S. Marshal's Office, and the U.S. Attorney's Office are working to sell the properties and satisfy the judgments.

The OAG feels that it has fulfilled the requirements of OPA's request by submitting a written report of the investigation with the supporting documents and anticipates that OPA will close the audit recommendation upon review.

The OAG plans to respond to a fifth OPA audit recommendation next month. The recommendation was redirected to the OAG on Dec. 24, 2002, and concerned CPA personnel policies. Specifically, certain CPA officials have been receiving 14 hours of annual leave biweekly. Also, CPA has been advancing unused annual leave and salary. OPA is concerned that such policies are contrary to employment contracts and limitations set by CNMI law. On Dec. 1, 2009, the attorney general met with OPA and discussed the OAG's findings regarding the advance of unused annual leave and salary. The OAG will submit a written opinion on the issues.

The OAG is pleased with the progress that has been made since renewing its focus on bringing the office into compliance with OPA recommendations. However, most of the remaining recommendations require complex research and investigation that will take more time to resolve. The two offices are working diligently to close all of the remaining open recommendations as quickly and efficiently as possible. ***(Office of the Governor)***

# Seven mariners rescued in Pacific after abandoning ship

U.S. COAST GUARD

The 750-foot motor vessel, Forestal Diamante, rescues the crew of the 72-foot fishing vessel, Golden Eagle II, approximately 316 miles northeast of Johnston Island after they had to abandon ship due to a shipboard fire, June 14, 2012. The Forestal Diamante is part of a program called Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue System that teams with the Coast Guard in an effort to assist distressed vessels on the high-seas.

**HONOLULU**—Seven mariners have been rescued after they were forced to abandon ship due to a shipboard fire 316 miles northeast of Johnston Island at approximately 11pm Wednesday.

The Coast Guard received distress alerts from two Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons and initiated a search Thursday morning.

Coast Guard Joint Rescue Coordination Center Honolulu initially received an unknown Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon with an unspecific location to the distress.

Two hours later, watchstanders received another alert that belonged to a NOAA observer, who was based out of Honolulu. After gathering his information, JRCC watchstanders learned he was aboard the 72-foot fishing vessel, *Golden Eagle II*, which is also home ported in Honolulu.

An HC-130 Hercules airplane crew from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point was launched at 8am. The Hercules arrived on scene at approximately 10:30am to find the *Golden Eagle II* listing and a life raft floating nearby. The aircrew was able to confirm that at least one person was in the life raft.

Coast Guard watchstanders contacted the crew of the 750-foot motor vessel, *Forestal Diamante*, which was 60 miles from the *Golden Eagle II* under the Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue Program. *Forestal Diamante* arrived on scene at approximately 11:15am and rescued all seven crew from the *Golden Eagle II*. The *Golden Eagle II* reportedly suffered a shipboard fire that forced the crew to abandon ship and activate their EPIRB's.

All members of the crew are reported in good condition with no injuries. They will remain aboard the *Forestal Diamante*, which is heading to Japan, but will try to take the crew to Guam en-route. *Golden Eagle II* remains adrift. ***(USCG)***

# Lawyer sends harsh letter to Fund's Villagomez

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Attorney Ramon K. Quichocho, on behalf of a retiree, has sent a harsh letter to NMI Retirement Fund administrator Richard S. Villagomez over re-computation of retirement annuity issue.

Quichocho, as counsel for Francisco C. Deleon Guerrero, told Villagomez that what he did to many retirees was an "evil thing" as he accused the administrator of "wreaking havoc in some people's lives."

Quichocho even wished that Sen. Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) should tell "screw you" to Villagomez. The lawyer also threatened the administrator with lawsuits.

Villagomez sent a letter to Quichocho dated June 4, 2012 over Deleon Guerrero's appeal regarding the Fund's re-computation to correct Deleon Guerrero's retirement annuity.

In the letter, Villagomez acknowledged Deleon Guerrero's concerns, but stated that the retiree was misinformed at the time he retired.

"We must, however, take these actions to recoup the amounts paid to him in error, even with the lapse of time because the amounts paid to him in error represent money that rightfully should fund someone else's retirement in the future," Villagomez stated, among other things.

In his reply to Villagomez on Friday, Quichocho found as ridiculous the administrator's statements.

Quichocho told Villagomez that the correct and true fact is that the Fund has misinformed him (Villagomez) over 13 years later.

The lawyer said Villagomez is attempting to deprive many retirees of their rights without due process of law and in violation of the CNMI laws.

"I recommend you stop messing around with people's lives. This is not funny!" Quichocho said.

On the error issue, Quichocho said it was only Villagomez who is claiming there is an error.

Quichocho said if that "someone else's retirement in the future" means the lawyers for the Brown and Rudnick law firm that the Fund hired in the bankruptcy case, then he hopes that senator Reyes will not have the opportunity to tell him "screw you."

"But, on the second thought, maybe he (Reyes) should," said the lawyer, referring to Sen. Reyes' use of crude language to Tinian Sen. Frank Cruz during last month's public hearing.

Quichocho said Villagomez better not make adjustments of Deleon Guerrero's pension or he will surely face lawsuits for deprivation of property without due process of law, for conversion, for theft, and for other causes of action.

"My client has the right to a hearing before you unilaterally steal, reduce, convert, and/or re-allocate for Brown & Rudnick, even a portion of his pension. My second-grader already understands that," Quichocho said.

The lawyer asked Villagomez to stop "trying to abuse" the retirees to take their hard-earned pension to cover up the inexcusable loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars to pay for the bankruptcy case that should not have been filed in the first place.

# Policies on hiring NMC president in the works

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

To prevent future troubles and legal challenges in naming the future chief executive officer of the Northern Marianas College, the Board of Regents is working on new policies to iron out possible concerns in hiring a president.

At least two policies were endorsed and tackled by the board during its regular meeting on campus Thursday. Board Policy No. 203 was proposed by members solely focusing on the president recruitment and hiring. For the CEO's specific authority and responsibilities, a separate policy was also endorsed as cited in Board Policy 203.1.

Regent Elaine Hocog-Orilla said the committee made an extensive deliberation on these items but the board's actions were deferred Thursday, citing the need for more review and study.

The board disclosed that NMC has no clear standing policy in place when it comes to hiring its president. Previous boards, for many years, only adopted resolution stipulating the steps and mechanisms to be used in bringing in qualified candidate.

Board chair Juan T. Lizama pointed out to members that each proposed policy should be scrutinized line-by-line, item-by-item, to avoid possible legal ramifications in the actual hiring process. He cited as example, the specific language to be used in announcing the position across the Pacific region.

Details of the proposed policies were not thoroughly discussed in the open after the members decided to defer them to the assigned committee.

According to NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, establishment of such hiring policy on the college president is among the areas that the accreditation commission is concerned about among its member institutions.

It can be recalled that the previous board, in hiring a replacement for Dr. Carmen Fernandez who was fired from her position adopted, two resolutions for the two presidential search committees that have been formed by the board after the first failed in its mission.

Besides the proposed policies on the president's hiring, a host of other recommendations is on the board's table for action. Among these are the policy on residency classification; student health insurance; NMC strategic plan and objectives; creation of budget, audit, and finance committee; policy introduction, amendment, passage and suspension; and policy on honorary degrees.

All these proposals were taken back by respective board committees for further analysis, review, and evaluation.

# Business

# Greek, Spanish savings flee eurozone crisis

**ATHENS, Greece** (AP)—In Europe's most economically stricken countries, people are taking their money out of banks as a way to protect their savings from the growing financial storm.

People are worried that their savings could be devalued if their country stops using the euro, or that banks are on the verge of collapse and that governments cannot make good on deposit insurance. So in Greece, Spain and beyond they are withdrawing euros by the billions—behavior that is magnifying their countries' financial stresses.

The money is being hoarded at home or deposited in banks in more stable economies.

It's a steady bank "jog" at the moment, not a full-bore run. But it threatens to undermine the finances of those countries' already-stressed lenders. And if it does turn into a full bank run after Greece's crucial election on Sunday, it could hasten financial disaster in Europe and help spread turmoil around the world.

Since the Greek debt crisis broke in late 2009, deposits have fallen by 30 percent. Savers have slowly pulled some (EURO)72 billion ($90.24 billion) from local lenders, with total household and corporate deposits standing at (EURO)165.9 billion ($207.94 billion) in April, according to the latest data from the Bank of Greece.

Spanish deposits have fallen about six percent over the past year. They dipped suddenly in April by about (EURO)3.1 billion, or 1.8 percent, to (EURO)1.624 trillion as problems with the country's troubled banks started to grow to alarming proportions.

This is despite the fact that deposits are guaranteed by the government up to (EURO)100,000 across the eurozone.

Spain's financial turmoil quickly worsened in late May, when Bankia, the country's second-largest lender, announced it needed capital of (EURO)19 billion to stay afloat. Bankia denied reports of a rush by its customers to withdraw, but the bailout scared Spaniards who assumed their money was safe.

Bankia client Rosa Monsivais panicked and decided she had to move her savings from Bankia to a bank she thought would be safer. She chose a foreign bank with Spanish operations, the Dutch owned ING bank.

It took longer than she thought, leading to anxious days until she knew her money was in her new account.

"It scared me a little. I took all my money out and put it in ING," said Monsivais, a 41-year-old graphic artist who would not say how much money she moved. "But it took a full week to do this kind of transaction. I was reading the newspaper each day and it worried me."

The money across Europe is headed different places.

Some has simply been withdrawn and spent out of urgent need as people lose their jobs due to recessions. Some is winding up in bank accounts or invested in countries that are more stable such as Germany. The rest is being invested in property or bonds being issued by other countries that use the euro.

AP

Demonstrators place a poster reading "be careful with this bank" on the exterior of a Bankia bank during a protest in Madrid, Spain, Saturday, June 16, 2012.

## Japan OKs restart of 1st reactors since tsunami

**TOKYO** (AP)—Japan's government on Saturday approved bringing the country's first nuclear reactors back online since last year's earthquake and tsunami led to a nationwide shutdown, going against wider public opinion that is opposed to nuclear power after Fukushima.

The decision paves the way for a power company in western Japan to immediately begin work to restart two reactors in Ohi town, a process that is expected to take several weeks.

Despite lingering safety concerns, the restart could speed the resumption of operations at more reactors across the country. All Japan's 50 nuclear reactors are offline for maintenance or safety checks.

Public opposition to the resumption of nuclear operations remains high because of the crisis the tsunami touched off at Fukushima Dai-ichi plant, the worst atomic disaster since Chernobyl. As the government announced its decision, a protest was held outside the prime minister's offices.

The restart is being closely watched as an indicator of how aggressively the government will act to approve operations at other reactors. It has been pushing hard to bring some reactors online as soon as possible to avert power shortages as demand increases during the summer months. It says the reactors in the town of Ohi are particularly important because they are in an area that relied heavily on nuclear before the crisis, and have passed safety checks.

"Safety is our main concern," said trade and industry minister Yukio Edano. "We have approved the beginning of the restarting process. It will take some time for the reactors to begin generating electricity."

He said the government would request people continue to save energy, and added that if there are safety problems, the process could be delayed.

Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda announced the government's approval after Ohi's mayor and the local governor publicly stated they support the plan. Local approval isn't needed legally.

"I approve the plan because I have been assured of the government's safety efforts and because it will provide stability for our industries," Issei Nishikawa, the governor of Fukui prefecture which oversees Ohi, said after meeting Noda in Tokyo on Saturday.

Kansai Electric Power Co. officials say bringing the two reactors online is needed to help avert a power crunch in Osaka, Japan's second-largest metropolis, and other areas in the west. They say demand is expected to peak in mid July or early August, so they need to begin work immediately to get the reactors up and running to avoid shortages.

## Cuba's next step on capitalist road: advertising

**HAVANA** (AP)—For decades there's been no such thing as a commercial radio or TV spot in Cuba. Ditto for billboards, website banner ads, and newspaper classifieds.

It can be a refreshing change from the global marketing onslaught, but the lack of traditional advertising opportunities creates a problem for the thousands of budding entrepreneurs who have embraced President Raul Castro's push for limited free-market reform.

It's one thing to open your own business, but how to let potential customers know you exist? True to Cuba's famous knack for making do, the island's small-business owners have turned to low-cost, unconventional advertising—a flurry of guerrilla marketing in a Marxist society whose founder, Fidel Castro, once denounced advertising as "alienating and noxious."

Getting the word out is "a nightmare," said Cedric Fernando, operator of Bollywood, the Island's only Indian restaurant, which opened in December. "We're running a race with one leg."

Fernando, a Londoner of Sri Lankan descent who is married to a Cuban, emblazoned both doors of his 1955 MG roadster convertible with the Bollywood logo, converting it into a rolling conversation-starter. Some people have snapped pictures with cell phones, called and made reservations.

He also recently paid someone $10 a day to slap coupons for two free drinks onto windshields around Havana, taking advantage of Cuba's color-coded license plate system to target a select clientele: Blue-plated tour vans, the black-and-white of diplomatic vehicles, bright orange for the foreign company employees paid in hard currency rather than the anemic Cuban peso. A thousand fliers lured about 50 dining parties to Bollywood in just two weeks.

"We put one on the ambassador of Spain's car a few days back and he turned up," Fernando said.

Cheaply printed fliers are a popular way of getting the word out. So is more permanent swag. Customers of the Enigma beauty salon go home with pens and lighters emblazoned with its logo and phone number.

At La Pachanga, a bustling burger joint, owner Sergio Alba Marin has pioneered the art of bumper-sticker marketing in Cuba, persuading more than 1,500 motorists to plaster his bright yellow decals on their cars for a 25 percent discount.

Probably nobody in Cuba has been more successful than Alba at drawing eyeballs to his brand. Besides the stickers, customers take home tiny, branded straw hats.

"It's the only way I can let people know of our existence, that we are here," Alba said. "One way or another, you have to get word traveling from mouth to mouth."

Alba scored something of a marketing coup last month when more than 30 employees, customers and friends wearing La Pachanga T-shirts marched in Havana's May Day parade carrying a banner supporting the Cuban Revolution.

The state-run media gave it prominent coverage. La Pachanga's logo, address and tagline—"preferred by the party scene"—appeared front and center on national television, and the newspaper Juventud Rebelde, or Rebel Youth, ran a six-inch photo the next day. It was an unusual sight for islanders accustomed to the media carrying revolutionary slogans like "fatherland or death."

## Mexican president expects big IMF firewall boost

**LOS CABOS, Mexico** (AP)—G20 summit host President Felipe Calderon of Mexico said Saturday that he expects the world's largest economies to deliver more than the $430 billion pledged to stop the spread of the European financial crisis.

Calderon told a small group of reporters that he expects "there to be capitalization that's bigger" than the amount fund members promised in April. He called International Monetary Fund recapitalization one of the key tests of the success of the summit.

The Mexican president said Saturday that he doesn't expect the United States to contribute to the recapitalization, something that he said showed the importance of emerging economies. The money would be used to bail out countries and key industries unable to borrow money on the open market due to fears the crisis will leave them unable to repay.

"I expect there to be a very important agreement on the IMF," he said. "It will have a transcendental importance for many reasons, primarily because it will probably be the most important capitalization agreement that the fund has had in its history.

"Secondly, it will be the first time that the fund is capitalized without the United States," he said. "On this occasion the leadership of the United States wasn't necessary."

Group of 20 leaders are gathering for a two-day summit starting Monday that will be dominated by the crisis in Europe.

As other leaders have, Calderon played down expectations that the summit will be able to address the result of Sunday's national elections in Greece, which could bring to power a party that rejects the terms of an international bailout of the country. That could set off a chain events leading to Greece's effective exit from the shared Euro currency and the spread of economically devastating fears about the viability of other European countries and industries.

He said the ramifications of the elections would probably not become fully clear during the summit, and described the meeting's goal as finding long-term solutions rather than reassuring immediate market fears.

"In any case, I think our efforts in the G20, and the efforts of other European countries, are to construct scenarios in which the economic future of Europe isn't dependent on the Greek case," he said. "This implies more rapid progress in the construction of a truly integrated European union."

He cautioned against expected concrete steps in that direction to emerge from the G20.

# Nation

# Analysis: Obama takes a risk on immigration front

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**WASHINGTON** (AP)—There's not much President Barack Obama can do to boost the economy in the next five months, and that alone might cost him the November election. But on a range of social issues, Obama is bypassing Congress and aggressively using his executive powers to make it easier for gays to marry, women to obtain birth control, and, now, young illegal immigrants to avoid deportation.

It's a political gamble that might fire up conservatives, many of whom remain cool to Republican candidate Mitt Romney. Democrats think it's more likely to inspire enthusiasm among groups that were crucial to Obama's 2008 victory—young voters, women and Hispanics.

In relatively good times, a first-term president's wide array of powers can force his challenger to shift from issue to issue, hoping to find a gap in the incumbent's armor. This year, that scenario is practically turned on its head.

AP

Lorena Tule-Romain, right, embraces Ramiro Luna following an announcement on the new U.S. immigration policy at the offices of Domingo Garcia in Oak Cliff, Texas on Friday, June 15, 2012.

Romney is the play-it-safe candidate, rarely straying from his jobs-and-economy talking points and sharply limiting encounters with national reporters. Romney took six hours Friday to offer a short and carefully worded comment that criticized Obama's new immigration policy for not providing "a long-term solution."

Romney didn't say whether he would overturn it if elected. But by noting "it can be reversed by subsequent presidents," he might have sown doubts in the minds of some young illegal immigrants studying the policy.

Obama looks like the bigger risk-taker. He doesn't have many options.

He is constrained by a complex, interrelated and frail global economy, and by a Republican-run House. Together, they severely limit his ability to influence the struggling U.S. economy, which Obama says needs more investments in education, renewable energy sources and other areas.

Using executive powers and persuasion, however, Obama can expand the rights of gays and lesbians in civil and military life; direct Catholic-affiliated employer insurance plans to cover contraceptives; and protect hundreds of thousands of young illegal immigrants from being deported.

Obama took that last step Friday. It delighted many Hispanic groups while prompting Republican officials to grouse more about the process he used than the actual policy.

Democrats enjoy a hefty edge among Hispanic voters, and some GOP strategists fear Romney is widening the gap.

In the primaries, Romney criticized one rival, Texas Gov. Rick Perry, for granting in-state college tuition to illegal immigrants. The former Massachusetts governor also distanced himself from opponent Newt Gingrich's call for making it clear the United States will not deport illegal immigrants who have led stable, crime-free lives in the United States for many years.

"This is the right thing to do," Obama said in the Rose Garden as he outlined the new policy Friday.

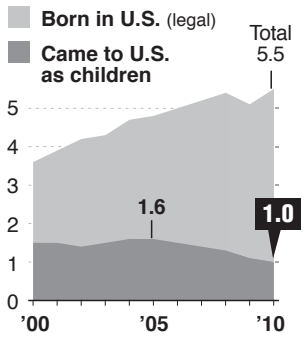
Sidestepping Congress, where immigration proposals have languished for years, Obama acted to make illegal immigrants immune from deportation if they were brought to the U.S. before they turned 16 and are younger than 30, have been in the country for at least five continuous years, have no criminal history, graduated from a U.S. high school or earned a GED diploma or certificate, or served in the military.

## Children of illegal immigrants

*The Obama administration has announced it will stop deportation of most younger illegal immigrants who came to the U.S. as children, and would instead allow them to apply for work permits.*

### A smaller share

An estimated one million children* of illegal immigrants are foreign-born and therefore illegal in 2010; children with at least one illegal immigrant parent, 2000-10; in millions




### Federal criteria

Government will not pursue illegal immigrants who:

- Came to U.S. under age 16
- No older than 30
- Enrolled in school, graduated high school or served in military
- In U.S. for five unbroken
- No criminal record

### Illegal immigrant population

There are 11.2 million illegal immigrants in the U.S., 3.7 percent of the total population; states with the largest percentage

| State | Illegal pop. | % of pop. |
|---|---|---|
| Nev. | 190,000 | 7.2% |
| Calif. | 2,550,000 | 6.8 |
| Texas | 1,650,000 | 6.7 |
| N.J. | 550,000 | 6.2 |
| Ariz. | 400,000 | 6.0 |
| Md. | 275,000 | 4.6 |
| D.C. | 25,000 | 4.5 |
| Fla. | 825,000 | 4.5 |
| Ga. | 425,000 | 4.4 |
| N.M. | 85,000 | 4.3 |

*Under 18 and not married

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## Testimony at Sandusky trial shows missed chances

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The eyewitness testimony that confronted jurors in Jerry Sandusky's child-molestation trial this week was disturbing not only for its graphic descriptions of sex with boys, but for what it said about the people who surrounded and maybe even protected the once-revered Penn State assistant coach.

Eight accusers took the witness stand and described how Sandusky molested them in campus showers, hotel bathrooms, a basement bedroom, a sauna used by the football team—right under the noses of his friends, colleagues, family members and acquaintances.

The Sandusky story, the way authorities have framed it, is one littered with missed chances to stop a rapist who preyed on children for years.

Prosecutors have hinted that top university officials knew far more about Sandusky's alleged proclivities than they have let on, submitting a document Monday that says Penn State's former vice president—himself facing charges related to the scandal—maintained a file on Sandusky a decade ago. A Penn State trustee told The Associated Press he now suspects a cover-up.

Yet evidence and testimony from the trial also show there were plenty of people, not just those at the highest levels of the university, who had ample opportunity to stop a man accused of violating 10 boys over 15 years:

■ A janitor failed to tell authorities he allegedly caught Sandusky performing oral sex on a boy in a campus shower a dozen years ago.

■ A district attorney with a reputation for prosecuting cases involving children and sexual abuse victims declined to charge Sandusky over a 1998 molestation allegation even though the detective who investigated thought it was a solid case. The DA, Ray Gricar, disappeared in 2005 and was declared legally dead last year.

■ School district officials were skeptical of abuse claims brought by the young man known in court papers as Victim 1 because, the accuser testified, Sandusky was considered to have a "heart of gold." Victim 1's allegations eventually triggered the state investigation that produced charges.

■ One accuser testified he screamed out for help at least once when Sandusky's wife, Dottie, was in the house. He doesn't know whether she heard his cries.

■ And, famously, coaching assistant Mike McQueary saw Sandusky having what he believed to be anal sex with a young boy in 2001. But his report to Athletic Director Tim Curley and Vice President Gary Schultz went nowhere. McQueary's dad testified that during a conversation, Schultz said he was suspicious of Sandusky, and NBC reported this week that emails between former university President Graham Spanier and Schultz aiming to keep McQueary's allegation from going further were turned over to the attorney general.

■ Others also saw Sandusky engaging in behavior that was at least odd, if not criminal. Longtime assistant coach Tom Bradley walked into the shower when one boy was with Sandusky, the accuser testified, and a wrestling coach told jurors he saw Sandusky and a child rolling on the floor.

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Unmanned Air Force space plane lands in Calif.

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—An unmanned Air Force space plane steered itself to a landing early Saturday at a California military base, capping a 15-month clandestine mission. The spacecraft, which was launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida in March 2011, conducted in-orbit experiments during the mission, officials said. It was the second such autonomous landing at the Vandenberg Air Force Base, 130 miles northwest of Los Angeles. In 2010, an identical unmanned spacecraft returned to Earth after seven months and 91 million miles in orbit.

### Stage collapses before Radiohead concert; 1 dead

**TORONTO** (AP)—A massive stage collapse hours before a Radiohead concert was to begin Saturday left one person dead and three others injured, officials said. Emergency Medical Services deputy commander David Viljakainen said a man who was trapped under the rubble was pronounced dead at the scene. Officials said he was in his mid-30s. A 45-year-old man was hospitalized with a head injury and two others were treated at the scene for minor injuries at the Downsview Park venue, said Viljakainen.

## 40 years on, Watergate crime scene is forgotten

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—When the Watergate complex was built in the 1960s, it was just a group of buildings on the western edge of the nation's capital. Then, 40 years ago Sunday, police in Washington arrested five men breaking into the office of the Democratic National Committee there.

Scandals, from Monicagate to Troopergate, haven't been the same since.

These days, though, there's little marking the location of the 1972 crime that ultimately led to the resignation of President Richard Nixon. The office building that was the site of the break-in is still in use, though tenants have changed. The adjacent hotel where the burglars stayed is currently closed. And another hotel across the street where a lookout watched the night of the break-in, with a walkie-talkie on hand, has been turned into a college dorm.

Jane Freundel Levey, the chief historian for Cultural Tourism DC, a coalition of city cultural and heritage groups, says there's talk of installing a set of historical signs in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood where the buildings sit. If that happens, the spaces that played a part in the Watergate drama will certainly be marked, she said.

"We are a nation of people who make pilgrimages," she said, adding that people like knowing when they're standing on a historic spot.

Now, however, most tourists visiting Washington head to see the Capitol, the Declaration of Independence, the theater where President Abraham Lincoln was shot and the Smithsonian museums, where interactive exhibits and tour guides await. There's nothing like that at the Watergate, which sits along the banks of the Potomac River next to the city's John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The site is about a half-mile from the nearest subway station and not on the route of the city's red, double-decker tour buses. The surrounding neighborhood is full of George Washington University students and federal government workers, but the Watergate is a little farther away.

"It's somewhat quiet down there," said Carolyn Crouch, founder of Washington Walks, a group that takes people on neighborhood walking tours and who leads a tour of the area about twice each year. "It's really pretty peaceful."

What visitors get if they make the trek is city dwellers, going about their business.

The Democratic National Committee, the burglars' target, moved out of the Watergate long ago. The group's offices are now across town, just south of the U.S. Capitol. The sixth-floor office space the committee once occupied now houses the office of the Iraqi embassy's military attaché and a doctor's office. A real estate company that bought the building in 2011 has plans for millions of dollars of upgrades, but half the building is currently vacant.

# Asia

## Myanmar ethnic violence death toll put at 50

**YANGON, Myanmar** (AP)—Myanmar's state media reported Saturday that the death toll from recent communal violence in the west has increased to 50, even though the unrest was largely quelled several days ago.

The New Light of Myanmar newspaper also said that 54 other people were injured, 78 riots broke out and 2,230 houses and buildings were destroyed by fire in the 18 days through to Thursday. It also said, without elaborating, that there were only two riots Thursday, which the authorities were able to handle peacefully.

The violence was a result of long-standing tensions in Rakhine State between the ethnic Rakhine community and Rohingya residents, whom many Rakhines regard as illegal immigrants from neighboring Bangladesh. The Rohingya say they are also longtime settlers in the region. The Rakhine are Buddhist while Rohingya are Muslim, which had led to fears the localized conflict could spread along religious lines and into other parts of Myanmar.

On Thursday, Rakhine state authorities had given the death toll as 29, but that was only for the period June 8—when there was mass rioting and arson in the state's Maungdaw and Buthidaung township—through Wednesday. Although Saturday's newspaper account did not give a breakdown for the new figure of 50 dead, it may include the June 3 lynching deaths of 10 Muslims by a Rakhine mob of 300, and an earlier incident said to have sparked the lynching—the rape and murder of a Buddhist woman, allegedly by three Muslims.

Thursday's figures had been broken down by ethnic group, and showed that both sides suffered roughly equally, in terms of deaths, injuries and property damage. Houses of worship of both communities were also burned.

During the unrest, army troops were sent to help quell the violence and a dusk-to-dawn curfew imposed. When the situation spread to Sittwe, a seaport and the area's main urban center, President Thein Sein declared a state of emergency, giving the military full administrative powers to keep order. The security measures remain in effect.

Despite the apparent cessation of violence, the area still faces a humanitarian crisis because of the number of displaced people. On Thursday, Rakhine state authorities said monasteries and schools were sheltering 31,884 displaced people. An unknown number of Rohingya have tried to flee to Bangladesh, but the authorities there have barred their entry.

## Bombings kill 33 in Pakistani tribal region

**PESHAWAR, Pakistan** (AP)—Two bombs killed 33 people in tribal areas of northwestern Pakistan on Saturday, officials and witnesses said, a reminder of the instability wracking the nuclear-armed country.

The first blast, a car bomb, hit a crowded bazaar in the town of Landi Kotal in the Khyber region near the Afghan border, government administrator Khalid Mumtaz said.

It killed 26 people and wounded over 50 others. Shops and vehicles were badly damaged in the morning attack.

Hundreds of people were in the bazaar when the parked explosives-laden car blew up. TV footage showed the charred skeleton of the car and local residents rushing to help take the victims to hospitals.

One of the wounded, 45-year-old Khan Mohammed, said he was sitting with a nephew in his shop when he saw a vehicle stopping in the street. Moments later he heard a massive blast.

"Something hit me in my shoulder and I fainted," he said, speaking from a hospital bed. He said two of his nephews who were outside the shop at the time of the explosion were killed and that he was worried for friends hurt in the attack.

The Pakistani army has carried out several operations to flush out Islamist militants in the Afghan border regions. Landi Kotal is near one of the two crossings for NATO supplies heading across the border into Afghanistan, but Islamabad closed the route last year to protest U.S. airstrikes that accidentally hit Pakistani troops.

Later in the nearby district of Kohat, a bomb hidden in a handcart killed seven people, among them police officers, said police officer Naeem Khan.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the blasts, but suspicion fell on Pakistani Taliban insurgents who often target security forces and public places with bombings and shooting attacks.

Also Saturday, violence erupted in the southwestern town of Kucklak after a man allegedly tried to burn the copy of Islam's holy book. Angered over the incident, residents rallied and torched a police station and five vehicles, said police official Shaukat Ali Khan.

Khan said the man who allegedly tried to burn the Quran has been arrested and that the police were trying to restore order.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### PH pulls out ships from disputed shoal

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—The Philippines' president has ordered government ships to leave a South China Sea shoal claimed by the Philippines and China because of bad weather. Naval ships from both countries have stood off in the Scarborough Shoal for the past two months. Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario said Saturday that President Benigno Aquino III has ordered their two coast guard ships back to port because of a passing typhoon. He says they have not decided whether to send the ships back to the area after the weather clears. Del Rosario said Friday that Manila is waiting for Beijing to meet its commitment to remove about 20 vessels that are within the shoal's lagoon after the only Philippine ship there left this week.

### Quake jolts Manila and nearby regions; no injuries

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Philippine officials say a strong quake has jolted Manila and outlying provinces, rousing some people from their sleep. There are no immediate reports of damage or injuries. Renato Solidum of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology says the Sunday-morning quake has a preliminary magnitude of 6 and was most possibly caused by movement in the Manila Trench in the South China Sea off northern Zambales province. Solidum says the quake was not strong enough to generate a tsunami alert. Benito Ramos, who heads the government's disaster-response agency, says people felt the quake in Manila and some northern agricultural provinces, rousing some residents.

### Thai police probe Canadian sisters' holiday deaths

**BANGKOK** (AP)—A maid found two Canadian sisters dead inside their hotel room on a popular resort island in southern Thailand, police confirmed Sunday, saying that the holidaymakers did not appear to have been murdered and their belongings had not been taken. Police were working to determine the cause of death of 25-year-old Noemi Belanger and her 20-year-old sister Audrey, whose bodies were found Friday at the Phi Phi Palm Residence Hotel on Phi Phi Island, said police Lt. Col. Jongrak Pimthong.

# World

## UN observers in Syria suspend patrols

**BEIRUT** (AP)—U.N. observers suspended their patrols in Syria on Saturday due to a recent spike in violence, the strongest sign yet that an international peace plan was unraveling despite months of diplomatic efforts to prevent the country from plunging into civil war.

The U.N. observers have been the only working part of a peace plan brokered by international envoy Kofi Annan, which the international community sees as its only hope to stop the bloodshed.

The plan called for the foreign monitors to check compliance with a cease-fire that was supposed to go into effect on April 12, but they have become the most independent witnesses to the carnage on both sides as government and rebel forces have largely ignored the truce.

Maj. Gen. Robert Mood, the U.N. mission chief, said intensifying clashes over the past 10 days were "posing significant risks" to the 300 unarmed observers spread out across the country, and impeding their ability to carry out their mandate.

The observers will not leave the country but will remain in place and cease patrols, Mood said in a taped statement, adding the suspension would be reviewed on a daily basis. Teams have been stationed in some of Syria's most dangerous cities, including Homs and Hama.

"The lack of willingness by the parties to seek a peaceful transition, and the push towards advancing military positions is increasing the losses on both sides," Mood said.

The decision came after weeks of escalating attacks, including reports of several mass killings that have left dozens dead.

The U.S. reiterated its call for the Assad regime to comply with the plan, "including the full implementation of a cease-fire."

Underscoring the dangers, activists reported at least 50 people killed in clashes and shelling in several Syrian cities.

The peace plan's near-collapse has increased pressure on the international community, including President Bashar Assad's staunch allies Russia and China, to find another solution. But there has been little appetite for the type of military intervention that helped oust Libya's Moammar Gadhafi, and several rounds of sanctions have failed to stop the bloodshed.

Najib Ghadbian of the main Syrian opposition group, the Syrian National Council, said the concerns expressed by the U.N. mission could pressure Russia to allow more censure of Assad's regime.

## Egypt votes for president to succeed Mubarak

**CAIRO** (AP)—Egyptians on Saturday voted to choose between a conservative Islamist and Hosni Mubarak's ex-prime minister in a presidential runoff once billed as the country's long-awaited shift to democracy but now clouded by pessimism over the future.

Whoever wins after two days of voting, Egypt's military rulers will remain ultimately at the helm, a sign of how Egypt's revolution has gone astray 16 months after millions forced the authoritarian Mubarak to step down in the name of freedom.

"We are forced to make this choice. We hate them both," said Sayed Zeinhom at Cairo's Boulak el-Dakrour, a densely populated maze of narrow dirt alleys and shoddily built houses. Mahmoud el-Fiqi, waiting with him at a polling center, offered, "Egypt is confused."

The race between Ahmed Shafiq, a career air force officer like Mubarak, and the Muslim Brotherhood's Mohammed Morsi, a U.S.-trained engineer, has deeply divided the country after the stunning uprising that ousted Mubarak after 29 years in office, and left many disillusioned about the elections' legitimacy.

Many voters felt that the choice no longer even mattered after a court ruling this week effectively ensured that the military generals who have ruled since Mubarak's ouster will continue to be in power.

The generals took over legislative powers after Egypt's highest court on Thursday ordered the dissolution of the parliament elected just six months ago, and the military made a de facto declaration of martial law, despite earlier promises to hand over power to the new president by July 1. With no constitution or parliament, the president's powers are likely to be determined by a military with power to arrest civilians for crimes as minor as traffic obstruction.

To the activists behind the 18 days of mass protests that toppled Mubarak's regime, the election seemed a cruel joke, that crushed their dream of a new Egypt—free, democratic and rid of all traces of the old system.

## Saudi heir's death opens door to younger voices

**RIYADH, Saudi Arabia** (AP)—For the second time in less than a year, Saudi Arabia was thrown into the process of naming a new heir to the country's 88-year-old king following the death Saturday of Crown Prince Nayef bin Abdul-Aziz.

That forces a potentially pivotal decision: Whether to bring a younger generation a step closer to ruling one of the West's most critical Middle East allies. King Abdullah has now outlived two designated successors, despite ailments of his own.

It's widely expected that the current succession order will stand and Nayef's brother, Defense Minister Prince Salman—another elderly and ailing son of the country's founding monarch—will become the No. 2 to the throne of OPEC's top producer.

But Prince Nayef's death opens the possibility that a member of the so-called "third generation" of the royal clan—younger and mostly Western educated—will now move into one of the traditional ruler-in-waiting roles as the country looks ahead to challenges such as the nuclear path of rival Iran and Arab Spring-inspired calls for political and social reforms around the Gulf.

"Saudi Arabia will have to decide if this is the time to set the next generation on the path to rule," said Simon Henderson, a Saudi affairs expert at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

First, however, the Saudi leadership must fall behind the successor for Nayef, the hard-line interior minister who spearheaded Saudi Arabia's fierce crackdown crushing al-Qaida's branch in the country after the 9/11 attacks in the United States. Nayef, who Al-Arabiya reported died in Geneva, was named crown prince in November after his brother Prince Sultan died.

# Focus

# Americans hang on after recession claims wealth

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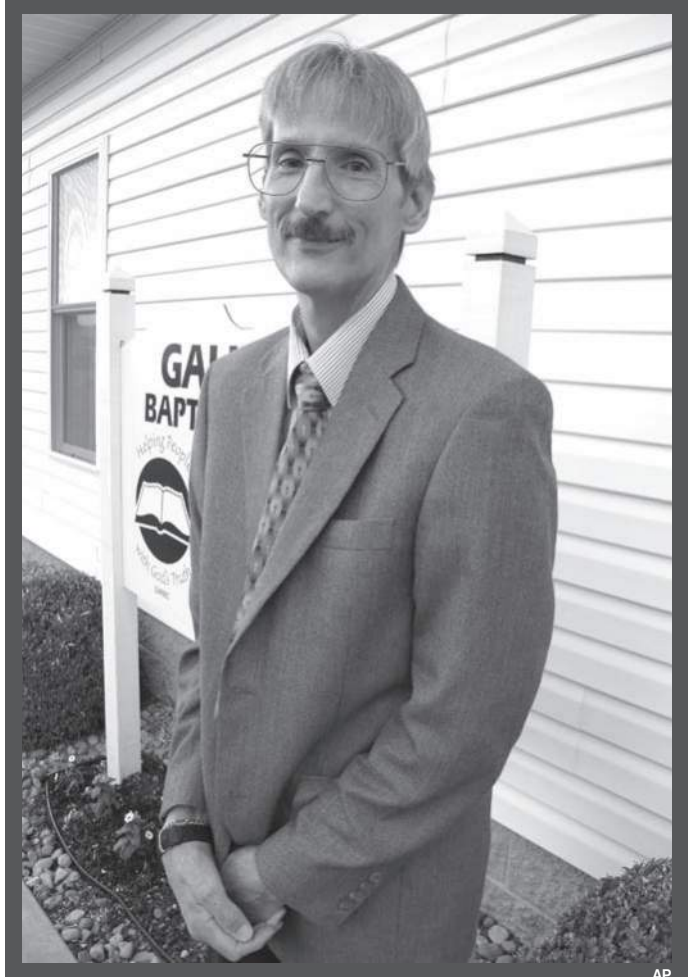

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This Wednesday, June 13, 2012 photo shows Michael Bobic, who lost his job as a political science professor at West Virginia Wesleyan College in 2011, outside the Galilean Baptist Church in White Hall, W.Va., where he teaches a money management course. When the government reported that the Great Recession claimed nearly 40 percent of Americans' wealth, the figure alarmed economists. But for families across the country, the numbers merely confirm that they are not alone.

Looking back, the financial lives many Americans enjoyed until just a few years ago can seem like a mirage.

On a suburban cul-de-sac northwest of Atlanta, Michael and Patricia Jackson are struggling to keep a house worth $100,000 less than they owe. In a small town in West Virginia, Michael Bobic, who last year lost his job as a college professor, sells Star Trek collectibles on eBay to get by.

Their voices and those of many others tell the story of a country that, for all the economic turmoil of the past few years, continues to believe things will get better. But until it does, families are trying to hang on to what they've got left.

The Great Recession claimed nearly 40 percent of Americans' wealth, the Federal Reserve reported last week. The new figures, showing Americans' net worth has plunged back to what it was in 1992, left economists shuddering while sharpening attention on the pocketbook issues at the center of the presidential campaign. But for families across the country, the report, tracking the period from 2007 to 2010, confirms what they already felt in their gut and saw in their checkbooks. It is one more reminder that they're not alone.

Most of the wealth was lost to the mortgage crisis and the drop in home values, wiping out equity many families counted on. But incomes and stock-based retirement accounts fell, too. In the 18 months since the Fed completed its survey, home prices have continued to fall in many cities, while stocks rose and then fell back to nearly the same level.

"There's nothing in this report that makes me feel good," says Alicia Munnell, director of the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College and an economic official in the Clinton administration. Bubble-inflated housing wealth was a fiction whose end should have been expected, she said, but the drop in incomes is especially troubling, because it gives people even less flexibility and confidence to save for the future. "There are signs of improvement, but I think that everybody is scared."

It's not just plummeting wealth affecting Americans' financial psyche. Incomes have been stagnating for years. But until the bubble burst, lenders and credit card companies gave consumers freedom to borrow and spend. No more.

Americans "were told they were much wealthier than they really were and they believed it," says Robert Manning, author of the book "Credit Card Nation" and an expert on consumer finance. "Now they're kind of hearing they're a lot less wealthy then they believed—and they're in denial."

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In New York, Michael and Patricia Jackson shared a bedroom made from a walled-in front porch, in a house cut into three cramped apartments. Then, on a visit to Georgia in 2000, they drove past spacious new homes and lawns in subdivisions promising affordability, and they began to dream.

By the time they moved in to their brick-face colonial in Marietta four years later, even bigger dreams seemed within reach. The house in the new Hampton Chase neighborhood cost a little more than $200,000 and values were rising fast.

With $20,000 in equity and two paychecks, the Jacksons were financially secure. What they remember most, though, is feeling proud. Their daughter had her own room. Patricia loved the "humongous" master bedroom and bathroom. Michael devoted himself to the lawn that sloped down to a thick stand of trees, working hours in the heat with a relish he'd never felt as a renter.

"This is what we always wanted, was to live somewhere comfortable and to be part of the community as well," says Michael, who is 53. "It made me a better man. I learned how to cut the grass. You know in New York you have one little patch of grass and you can take scissors and cut it."

The couple said they rejected countless offers to borrow against the house. Instead, they made plans to save and let equity build, hoping to eventually buy a vacation home near Patricia's parents in Jamaica and maybe even a small apartment in New York, for visiting family.

But in 2007, Patricia was cut from her job as a dispatch supervisor with a cable television company. Then Michael lost work as a contractor. They struggled to pay the mortgage. But they kept pace when their lender offered a forbearance plan that temporarily halved monthly payments, but added the balance to the loan, a fact the Jacksons say was not explained to them at the time.

They fell even further behind after getting into an accident on the long drive between New York and Georgia. Meanwhile, a foreclosure wave swept the metro Atlanta real estate market, sending home values down.

County appraisers recently valued the Jackson's home at $166,000, but the couple say it probably would bring no more than $140,000. They are 11 months behind on their mortgage payments and, with penalties added, now owe $245,000 on the house.

Michael says they were naive. They tried filing for personal bankruptcy, which confronted them with the fact that they'd already lost their equity and would probably lose the house. So they withdrew the filing and decided to battle it out. They dropped cable, stopped taking clothes to the drycleaner and Patricia cut out tithing to the church.

Both found new jobs and the lender has cut the interest rate on their loan. But they are so far behind on the mortgage that the lender tells them they can't qualify for government programs to help families stay in their homes. The Jacksons, who long ago shelved fantasies of vacation homes, now are desperate to convince someone they are worthy of keeping the house on Hampton View Court.

"We're scared. We don't know what's going to happen," Michael says. "Right now, our main thing is to hold on to what we have. I mean, we're holding. But the mortgage company, they have a grip on us."

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For 13 years, Michael Bobic taught political science to college students. Now he sells Star Trek collectibles on eBay and teaches a fencing class at the YMCA to help pay the bills.

The 49-year-old drives only when he has to, shops around to save 50 cents on a gallon of milk and hasn't bought a restaurant dinner since losing his job as a professor at West Virginia Wesleyan College last year.

"I'm incredibly cheap," Bobic, who lives in Fairmont, W.Va., says proudly.

Once a week, Bobic spreads his gospel of frugality, teaching a money management class at Galilean Baptist Church in nearby White Hall. Growing up in Kingsport, Tenn., Bobic recalls that as his parents divorced and later remarried each other, their financial lives swung wildly. Their son learned to prepare for the financial uncertainties of his own adulthood by watching.

He tells his church class to do what he did—have an emergency fund to cover three to six months of expenses. When Bobic lost his job, he was prepared. Enrollment had been shrinking and he knew Wesleyan couldn't afford an extra professor with two already tenured.

To get by, he took short-term work doing title searches for a lawyer, until the two-hour drive to Moundsville proved too much. Then he got a temporary job doing surveys for an opinion-research company. But a year later, his financial cushion is gone.

Bobic has always worked—he turned his first full-time job scooping ice cream into a 15-year career in store management. But this week he did something he'd avoided: For the first time since his kidneys failed at age 23 and he began dialysis, Bobic applied for disability benefits.

"I'd much rather work," he says. "But that's what we're falling back on now."

Bobic's retirement account is gone. He cashed it out to buy a house in 2008 when he quit a 10-year job at Georgia's Emmanuel College and moved to Fairmont so wife Jennifer could be near family.

Until he lands a job, Jennifer is funding their retirement, putting aside money from her job with the Social Security Administration.

Bobic keeps close track of their financial well-being. When he lost his job, 42 percent of the couple's income vanished, he notes. He'd limited the mortgage to 25 percent of their lesser income, but now it eats up 32 percent of the total. Even now, though, he's working on a plan to rebuild.

Within two months, Jennifer's car will be paid off, and they can start to replenish the emergency fund. Bobic, meanwhile, is hoping to land a teaching job at a university in southern West Virginia.

Moving there would mean selling the house and hoping to break even. Worse, he says, it would take Jennifer two hours from relatives now just 10 doors away.

Maybe, Bobic says, he'll work through the week and come home on weekends. He did it before in Georgia, sleeping in his office on a fold-out Army cot and showering at the gym.

It's not so bad, he says.

"You'd be amazed how many people are doing it."

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Kathy Miller recalls when the finances of work and family life were adding up just right.

In 2008, her events planning company was having its best year ever. She and her husband had set aside money to put their two sons through college, with enough left in income and savings for "a very nice life" in the Chicago suburb of Schaumburg, Ill.

Then the financial crisis sent the stock market tumbling and many of the corporate customers who had kept Miller's Total Event Resources busy, stopped calling.

By the following year, business was down so sharply that Miller laid off 10 of her 15 employees. For four to six months, the rest worked only for benefits. Miller didn't collect a salary for a year-and-a-half.

The business wasn't all that suffered. The value of the Miller home in Hoffman Estates, another well-to-do suburb of Chicago, fell almost 30 percent. She'd been counting on the house to fund part of her retirement.

The family was forced to dip into savings to cover living expenses and the drop in stock prices took more from their nest egg. "We've lost one kid's college money," she says. So two years ago, when her older son was half-way through Illinois State University, Miller and her husband told him he'd have to pay for his last two years of school. They told their younger son he would also have to pay for his last two years.

Add it up now, Miller says, and her net worth is just half what it used to be.

"All of a sudden, you wake up and on paper, it's completely different," she says.

Business has rebounded to the point where Miller now has seven full-time and two part-time staffers. Old clients have come back, and she has new ones. But revenue is still down 20 percent. The family has adjusted their plans and expectations accordingly.

In Miller's kitchen, there's a door to nowhere. It was supposed to open onto a deck that hasn't been built.

Vacations are shorter—a maximum of five days instead of two weeks. Money is one reason. But "being away from the office is more difficult because we're doing more with less."

When shopping, Miller asks herself, "Do I need this jewelry or pair of shoes? No, I don't, because I'm thinking about keeping that money to sustain our business and make it work."

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Long after Main Street goes quiet, Mike Lamm is still at the back of his jewelry shop, surrounded by tools. There'll be no more customers until the morning, but that does not mean the job is done.

"If I had to rely on retail sales out of my case, I'd have had to close my doors a long time ago," the 48-year-old businessman says.

These days, people aren't buying much jewelry. What saves Lamm is his ability to repair watches and make rings. There's still enough call for that kind of work in Mediapolis, a small town in rural southeastern Iowa.

Things have always been tight for the Lamms, who Mike describes as a family of "modest means." But like many of their neighbors, it's become more

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# Health & Fitness

# 10,000 germ species live in and on healthy people

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP MEDICAL WRITER

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—They live on your skin, up your nose, in your gut—enough bacteria, fungi and other microbes that collected together could weigh, amazingly, a few pounds.

Now scientists have mapped just which critters normally live in or on us and where, calculating that healthy people can share their bodies with more than 10,000 species of microbes.

Don't say "eeew" just yet. Many of these organisms work to keep humans healthy, and results reported Wednesday from the government's Human Microbiome Project define what's normal in this mysterious netherworld.

One surprise: It turns out that nearly everybody harbors low levels of some harmful types of bacteria, pathogens that are known for causing specific infections. But when a person is healthy—like the 242 U.S. adults who volunteered to be tested for the project—those bugs simply quietly coexist with benign or helpful microbes, perhaps kept in check by them.

The next step is to explore what doctors really want to know: Why do the bad bugs harm some people and not others? What changes a person's microbial zoo that puts them at risk for diseases ranging from infections to irritable bowel syndrome to psoriasis?

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Already the findings are reshaping scientists' views of how people stay healthy, or not.

"This is a whole new way of looking at human biology and human disease, and it's awe-inspiring," said Dr. Phillip Tarr of Washington University at St. Louis, one of the lead researchers in the $173 million project, funded by the National Institutes of Health.

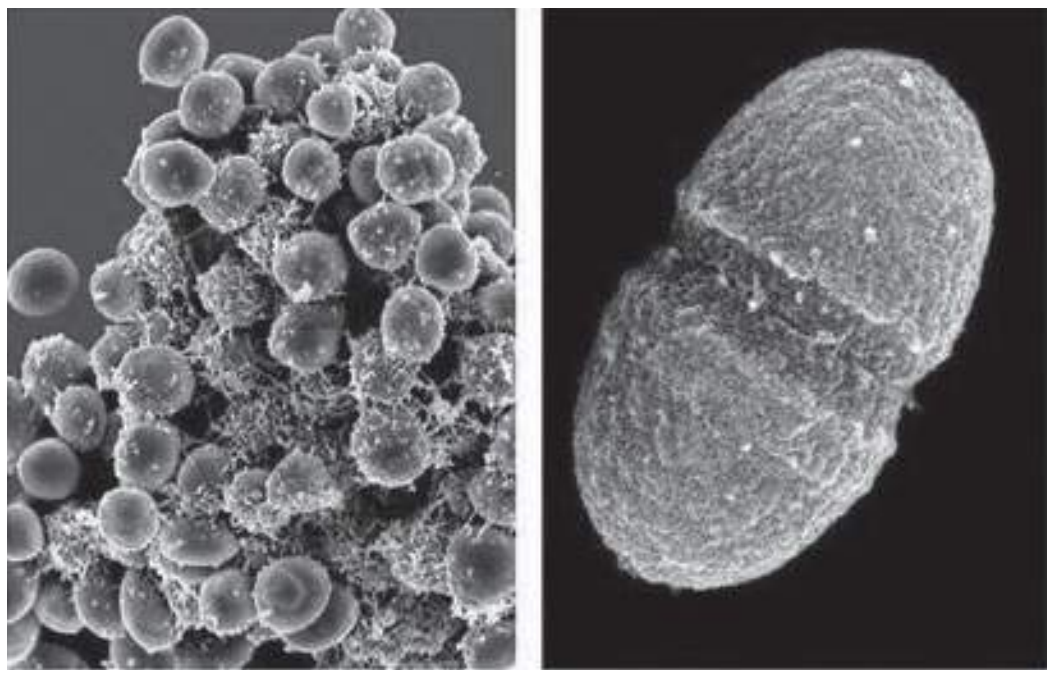
"These bacteria are not passengers," Tarr stressed. "They are metabolically active. As a community, we now have to reckon with them like we have to reckon with the ecosystem in a forest or a body of water."

And like environmental ecosystems, your microbial makeup varies widely by body part. Your skin could be like a rainforest, your intestines teeming with different species like an ocean.

Scientists have long known that the human body coexists with trillions of individual germs, what they call the microbiome. Until now, they've mostly studied those that cause disease: You may recall health officials saying about a third of the population carries Staphylococcus aureus harmlessly in their noses or on their skin but can infect others.

But no one knew all the types of microbes that live in healthy people or where, and what they do. Some 200 scientists from nearly 80 research institutions worked together for five years on this first-ever census to begin answering those questions by unraveling the DNA of these microbes, with some of the same methods used to decode human genetics. The results were published Wednesday in a series of reports in the journals Nature and the Public Library of Science.

First, the researchers had to collect tissue samples from more than a dozen body sites—the mouth, nose, different spots of skin, the vagina in women, and from feces. Then they teased apart the bacterial DNA from the human DNA, and started analyzing organisms with some daunting names: Lactobacillus crispatus, Streptococcus mitis, Corynebacterium accolens.



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Undated handout image provided by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) shows a clump of Staphylococcus epidermidis bacteria (green) in the extracellular matrix, which connects cells and tissue, taken with a scanning electron microscope, showing. At right, undated handout image provided by the Agriculture Department showing the bacterium, Enterococcus faecalis, which lives in the human gut, is just one type of microbe that will be studied as part of NIH's Human Microbiome Project.

Our bodies are thought to be home to about 10 bacterial cells for every human cell, but they're so small that together microbes make up about 1 percent to 3 percent of someone's body mass, explained Dr. Eric Green, director of NIH's National Human Genome Research Institute. That means a 200-pound person could harbor as much as 6 pounds of bacteria.

There are about 22,000 human genes. But the microbes add to our bodies the power of many, many more—about 8 million genes, the new project estimated.

Those bacterial genes produce substances that perform specific jobs, some of which play critical roles in the health and development of their human hosts, said Dr. Bruce Birren of the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, another of the project's investigators. Genes from gut bacteria, for example, lead to digestion of certain proteins and fats. They also produce certain beneficial compounds, like inflammation-fighting chemicals.

Another surprise: There isn't one core set of bacteria that perform those functions. A wide variety can do the same jobs, the researchers found.

That's fortunate considering people carry a customized set of microbes, one that varies dramatically depending on where you live, your diet and a host of other factors. Your microbial zoos also can change, such as when taking antibiotics that kill infection-causing germs as well as good intestinal bacteria that may be replaced with different but equally effective bugs.

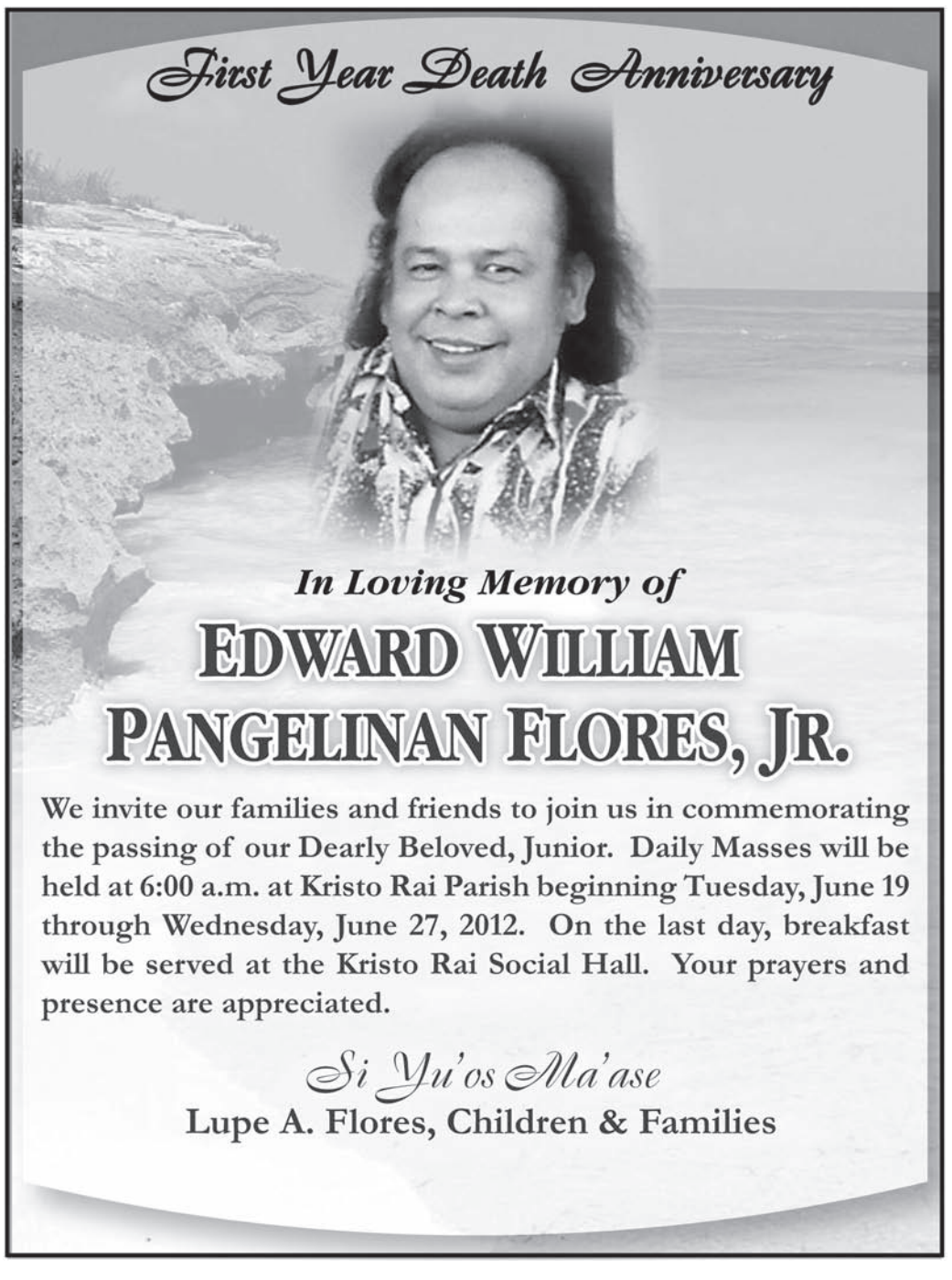
"We don't all have the same bacteria although they all seem to have been organized to do the same things," Birren said. It may be that our lifestyle and environment "induces each of us to have arrived at a solution that works for us."

With this first snapshot of what normal looks like, studies now are under way to see how the microbes differ in people with certain diseases, in hopes of learning how to prevent or treat the illnesses.

Consider the intestinal superbug named C. difficile that people all too often catch while they're in the hospital, and that sometimes kills. Washington University's Tarr wants to know what mixture of gut bacteria can fend off the diarrhea-causing germ or make it more likely to infect—so that doctors might one day know who's more vulnerable before they enter a hospital.

Also, researchers at Baylor College of Medicine reported Wednesday that the kind of bacteria living in the vagina changes during pregnancy, perhaps to give the fetus as healthy a passage as possible. Previous research has found differences in what first bacteria babies absorb depending on whether they're born vaginally or by C-section, a possible explanation for why cesareans raise the risk for certain infections.

All new information in some ways is humbling, because it shows how much more work is needed to understand this world within us, noted infectious disease specialist Dr. David Relman of Stanford University, who wrote a review of the project's findings for the journal Nature.



First Year Death Anniversary
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We invite our families and friends to join us in commemorating the passing of our Dearly Beloved, Junior. Daily Masses will be held at 6:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Parish beginning Tuesday, June 19 through Wednesday, June 27, 2012. On the last day, breakfast will be served at the Kristo Rai Social Hall. Your prayers and presence are appreciated.
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of a struggle over the past five years. At this hour, Mike would rather be home with wife Tracey and their two children, Ethan, 16, and Raeann, 11.

But there are groceries to buy, cars that need gas, and a mortgage to meet, says Tracey, who works as a grant writer for their regional government council.

"I feel like, for what we make, we should be doing better. We should have more money," says Tracey, who's 43. "But all of it just seems to go to bills."

Tracey estimates she spends $60 a week on gas, commuting to work. Mike, who uses a wheelchair after losing use of his legs in a car accident at 17, spends about the same for van that operates with hand controls.

Utilities and groceries at the one market in town also have risen 10 to 15 percent a year since the recession hit.

"And when you feed a teenage boy, you're automatically at a different level," Tracey says.

Other things, however, have had to go by the wayside.

The last family vacation—the only week away together Tracey can remember in years—was a trip to Disney World in 2009. But those trips are no more.

Now they rent a video and have a family night, or the kids go to their grandparents' farm for a "getaway."

This isn't all bad, Tracey says. Their kids are learning to value what they have. "They don't seem unhappy or deprived and they certainly know how much they're loved," she says.

But that doesn't stop the worries.

Even working 65 to 75 hours a week, Mike is bringing in less than he did last year. They have little saved for their children's college.

But they hold on to hopes, if not for themselves, then at least for their kids.

"I think it will get better," Mike says. "It's just going to take time."

# Life & Style

## Kate Winslet, Kenneth Branagh get royal honors

**LONDON** (AP)—Kate Winslet has been honored by Queen Elizabeth II for her titanic contribution to the arts.

The actress, who won a best actress Academy Award in 2009 for "The Reader" and made her breakthrough as the feisty Rose in 1997 blockbuster "Titanic," has been named a Commander of the Order of the British Empire, or CBE, in the queen's Birthday Honors List, published Saturday.

Winslet said the honor made her "very proud to be a Brit."

"I am both surprised and honored to stand alongside so many men and woman who have achieved great things for our country," the 36-year-old star said.

Actor and director Kenneth Branagh was made a knight and will be known as Sir Kenneth. A respected Shakespearean actor whose films as a director range from "Henry V" and "Hamlet" to the comic-book fantasy "Thor," Branagh said he felt "humble, elated, and incredibly lucky" to get the honor. It puts him in a pantheon of theatrical knights alongside the late Sir Laurence Olivier, whom Branagh played in "My Life With Marilyn."

"When I was a kid, I dreamed of pulling on a shirt for the Northern Ireland football team," said the Belfast-born, 51-year-old actor. "I could only imagine how proud you might feel. Today it feels like they just gave me the shirt, and my heart's fit to burst."

The honors are bestowed by twice yearly by the queen—at New Year's and on her official birthday in June—but recipients are selected by civil servants from nominations made by the government and the public.

Most go to people who are not in the limelight, for services to their community or industry, but they also reward a sprinkling of famous faces.

Songwriter and philanthropist Richard Stilgoe, who wrote lyrics for Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Cats," ''Starlight Express" and "The Phantom Of The Opera," was awarded a knighthood, while golfer Luke Donald was recognized for spending almost a year at the top of golf's world rankings.

The Englishman, who has spent 48 weeks as No. 1 since May last year, was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE).

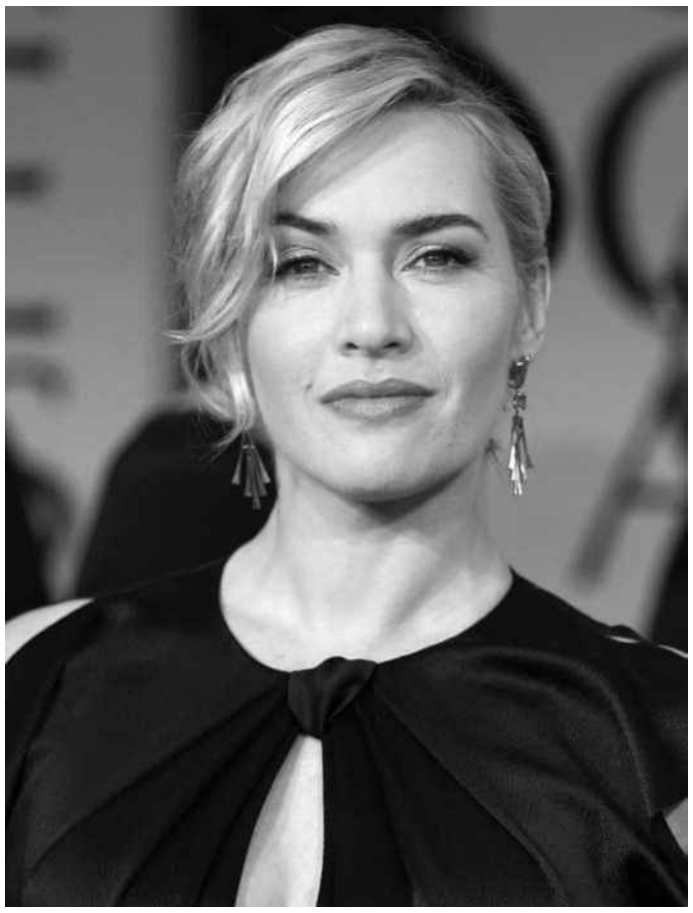
"I am truly honored to be awarded an MBE by Her Majesty, particularly in her Jubilee year," Donald said Friday from the U.S. Open in San Francisco.

Those becoming dames—the female equivalent of a knight—include Iraqi-born architect Zaha Hadid, who designed the Aquatic Center for the 2012 London Olympics, and Labour Party politician Tessa Jowell, who was Olympics minister until 2010.

Musician Gary Barlow, who organized a Diamond Jubilee concert for the queen this month featuring Paul McCartney, Stevie Wonder and Elton John, was named an Officer of the Order of the British Empire, or OBE, for his services to entertainment and to charity.

Sarah Burton, who designed Kate Middleton's dress for her royal wedding to Prince William last year, received an OBE for services to fashion.

In descending order, the honors are knighthoods, CBE, OBE and MBE. Knights are addressed as "sir" or "dame." Recipients of the other honors have no title but can put the letters after their names.



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In this Jan. 15, 2012, file photo showing Kate Winslet arriving on the red carpet before the 69th Annual Golden Globe Awards in Los Angeles, USA.

## Streisand opens her home for women's heart health

**MALIBU, Calif.** (AP)—In an elegant white tent at her oceanfront Malibu compound, Barbra Streisand sang and former President Bill Clinton spoke to a crowd gathered to raise funds for women's heart health.

Guests paid as much as $100,000 per couple to support the Barbra Streisand Women's Heart Center at the intimate fundraising dinner Thursday at the home Streisand shares with her husband, James Brolin.

The singer donated $10 million to create the research and treatment facility at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and solicited million-dollar donations from wealthy friends she called personally. Viacom Chairman Sumner Redstone, NBCUniversal chief Ron Meyer, designer Donna Karan and actors Josh Brolin (Streisand's stepson) and Diane Lane were among the donors and guests.

Streisand said she was motivated to contribute to women's heart health because she "can't stand inequality, whether it's about civil rights, gay rights or gender discrimination."

Heart disease kills more women each year than all cancers combined, but most of the research on the disease for the past five decades has been conducted on men.

"Even in scientific research, women are still treated as second-class citizens," Streisand said, "and to me, that's just unacceptable."

So she raised her voice and opened her wallet, and invited her friends to do the same.

"It's kind of a selfish thing, because it's actually very fulfilling, to do something like that that's larger than me or my career," she said, acknowledging that her fellow donors must feel the same way.

"Think about all the good that we'll do, all the good that will come of it, because of your extraordinary generosity," she said.


*In Celebration of His New Life*

†Crispin Matagolai Kaipat

Lovingly Known as "Cris" or "Poppa"
December 18, 1952 – June 10, 2012

Was called to his Eternal rest at the age of 59
(at the Guam US Naval Hospital).

***In His New Life, He now joins His:***

**Parents:** The Honorable Francisco Borja Kaipat & Matilde Matagolai Kaipat
**Brother:** Saturnino Matagolai Kaipat
**Mother-In-Law:** Sabina Pangelinan Delos Reyes
**Brother-In-Law:** Jesus Perez Concepcion
**Nephew:** Paul DLR. Concepcion

***His memories will live on forever in the hearts and minds of his :***

**Wife:** Magdalena "Maggie" Delos Reyes Kaipat
**Children:** Shawn DLR. Kaipat (Emy); Tatiana DLR. Kaipat
**Brothers/Sisters & In-Laws:** Dora K. & Bill Sablan Reyes; Ando M. Kaipat; Cinta M. Kaipat; Viol M. Kaipat; Gus M. Kaipat; Cil K. & Dave Magofna Selepeo; Ken "Bud" M. & Mary Santos Kaipat; Frances M. Kaipat
**Sister-In-Law:** Narcisa DLR. Concepcion & children
**Reared Children:** Jessica & Rebecca DLR. Concepcion; Del R. Lieto (Lee); Francella K. Reyes; Byron S. Kaipat (Mona); Tyra & Tyron K. Tanaka; Delton R. Lieto
**Reared Brothers/Sisters & In-Laws:** Guillermo M. & Ignacia "Ghaling" Taisacan Saures; Joe M. & Lek Kaipat; Elvaristo M. & Lillyjean S. Igisomar; Dolores Saures & Jacob T. Lizama

He is additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren & relatives.

Nightly Rosary is being said at 7:30PM at his residence on Adobo Drive, Koblerville

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, June 18, 2012 at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 2:00PM, followed by Interment Services at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.
Olomwaay, Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank You.

**From the Wife, Children & Family**

# Is there a Dad Divide to go with the Mommy Wars?

By LEANNE ITALIE
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This undated image provided by Lionsgate shows Chris Rock, left, and Tom Lennon with children in a scene from the movie "What to Expect When You're Expecting."

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Hey, Mr. Mom.

What's up, Workaholic?

Whether they say it out loud or acknowledge it at all, that work-home divide traditionally reserved for the Mommy Wars can also rear between dads who go off to the office every day and the kind in the trenches with the kids.

There are bound to be rifts, given the growing league of dads staying home at least part-time. But do the paths of work dads and home dads intertwine enough to make them care quite so deeply as the ladies? How exactly are they perceived, not by researchers or journalists, but by each other?

"To be a stay-at-home dad requires a lot of confidence in who you are," said Paxton Helms, 41, in Washington, D.C.

He became one about four years ago, when his daughter was 3 months old. A son followed and he now takes part-time contracts as an international development consultant, with flexible hours. His wife also works part-time.

"The strangest thing that ever happened to me as a (stay-at-home dad) was riding on the Metro with both my kids and a guy asking me, `So where's Mom?' I couldn't even think why in the world somebody would be asking me that question, so I couldn't even muster an answer," he said.

## SUSPICION OVER WIVES, LAYOFFS

Other at-home dads worry about jealousy from working brethren (What are they really thinking about all that time spent with the women?). Or suspicion that they're out of work. And dads on both sides of the divide report the occasional cold shoulder.

"It seems that they try to avoid me or don't want to talk about what life is like for them," said dad-of-one Donald DeLong, 55, a Bloomfield Township, Mich., attorney who acknowledges a "deeply rooted need to work and `earn a living.'"

"When I do talk to them, the topics stay guy-safe. That is, sports, cars. After all we're both still guys. We don't talk about that sensitive touchy-feely stuff."

Other at-home dads, those by choice or pushed out of the job market, said they've endured some snark, but they consider it more of a dad-on-dad discomfort than a serious divide.

Martin Weckerlein, 33, is among them. He simply doesn't have the time to care. He was a tank commander in the Germany military, then a bank worker for six years before he gave it up to be an at-home for his three kids, ages 8, 3 and 9 months. The family lives in suburban Washington, D.C., where his wife has a government job.

"When I'm with other dads who are my age, whether they work or stay at home, they tend to be pretty accepting and even curious as to how that works that we can afford me staying home, what I do during the day with the kids, and they say it must be nice to have that time," he said.

"When I am talking with men who aren't fathers or who are older, their questions usually focus on what my career goals are after I am done being home with my kids. They seem to assume this is only a temporary thing for our family, a pause in my career for a few years, instead of an investment in our family," Weckerlein explained.

## THE STEREOTYPES

Yes, Mr. Mom comes up, the newest iteration in the shape of Chris Rock and his goofy band of dads with infants strapped to their chests in the movie "What to Expect When You're Expecting."

It's been nearly 30 years since Michael Keaton was that guy on screen, setting the kitchen on fire and making his kids miserable in "Mr. Mom," but the lingering moniker feels more like yesterday for Weckerlein and other at-home dads.

"I hate that phrase, Mr. Mom. I can't imagine my wife going into the office and saying, `Hi everyone, it's Mrs. Dad,'" said Dan Zevin, a humorist, at-home dad to two and author of a new book, "Dan Gets a Minivan: Life at the Intersection of Dude and Dad."

In Boston, 32-year-old Nolan Kido is no stereotype. He's the exhausted at-home dad of an 11-week-old daughter as his wife completes her dental education. He deferred work on his doctoral degree in accounting after doing some recession-era math: his earning power versus her earning power in the face of more than $360,000 in student loans.

"At the very beginning they were a little weirded out, like what do we talk about, what's the common themes, but now the impression that I get more is actually jealousy," he said of his working dad friends. "It's not, like, mean kinds of things but just, `Oh, I wish I could stay home' or `Oh, I'd love to go to that park.'"

The number of at-home dads who are primary caregivers for their children reached nearly 2 million in 2010, or one in 15 fathers, according to one estimate. Al Watts, president of the National At-Home Dad Network, believes a more accurate count is about 7 million, using broader definitions that include part-time workers. That amounts to one-third of married fathers in the U.S.

Most, he said, want to be there, as opposed to the kind who never thought about it until the ax fell on their careers. And more often than women, they do earn a bit of income at the same time, he said.

## COULD THEY DO IT?

Watts, in Omaha, has been home with kids for a decade, since the oldest of his four was a baby. He sees a subtle shift in attitudes emanating from working dads.

"Eight years ago, one of my wife's customers, when he found out that I was an at-home dad he said, `Oh you know, I'd really love to do that.' I knew what he really meant was that he assumed he could then just hang out at home and play video games and watch TV and not have to go to work anymore," Watts said.

"Now when I have those conversations, they're generally like, `You know, I really wish I could do that. But then they find out I have four kids and they're like, `Well, I couldn't do that!'"

The raised eyebrows, pregnant pauses and need to hide their real interests—shopping, crossing guard duty, laundry—for more generic work-dad friendly fare is tedious sometimes for Trey Parker, 32, in the Atlanta suburb of Alpharetta.

With a full-time working wife and two boys, ages 2 and 9 months to care for, a trip to Costco holds more allure than last night's game or chatter about sales quotas.

"It's a little harder to speak with guys who are corporate dads," Parker said. "At Christmas parties and stuff like that, there's absolutely nothing in common with them. They're either talking about sports or whatever sales or whatnot they have going on at the office, and you can't comment on any of that stuff. You're naturally drawn to the women because they're talking about the kids and the family."

Weckerlein wasn't used to the idea that wanting to stay home with the kids was something other than perfectly natural: "It's kind of surprising that this is really a big deal because in the 21st century I thought we could think a little bit different. But yes, I get that `Mr. Mom.'"

There won't be any of that from 41-year-old Marty Guise in St. Louis, but he does feel the distance.

He has a full-time job and a part-time one to pay the bills. The consultant for nonprofit organizations has two kids, ages 13 and 11. His wife quit her teaching job to be home but now works as a substitute.

"`What do you do for a living?' is a pretty common ice breaker," he said. "When a man tells me that he stays at home, it's usually preceded by or followed quickly with a justification, like `I lost my job.' I receive that as a defense for staying at home. Right or wrong, men like to be the breadwinners."

He quickly adds: "I think it's devaluing of men or women to say that staying at home is any less important than working 40-plus hours a week."

## WHAT'S IT LIKE CHANGING ALL THOSE DIAPERS?

Do you miss having a real job?

Tony Reynolds, 47 and at-home dad for 11 years, has heard it all since a downsize at a large insurance company solidified his decision to be home in suburban Columbus, Ohio, with his two youngest boys from a second marriage.

"The other dads make snide comments or ask bizarre questions sometimes," he said. "I say it IS a real job and I bet you couldn't do it."

Once pretty much by himself with the moms all day, the economy has driven some of his former dad doubters his way.

"One used to say `I wish my wife made so much money so I could stay home,' then he lost his job and started taking care of the kids and was like, `Wow, this is a lot of work,'" Reynolds said.

"Another used to drive a Mercedes," he added. "He's now a crossing guard at the school. I got him the gig."

# Merv Griffin's estate for sale for $9.5M

**PALM SPRINGS, Calif.** (AP)—The California desert home of the late media mogul Merv Griffin has been put up for sale for $9.5 million.

*The Desert Sun* reported Friday the 39-acre property in La Quinta features a 5,000-square-foot home, an equestrian compound with a racetrack and a lagoon.

The Moroccan-style estate was put up for the sale this week and is the latest celebrity home in the Palm Springs area to hit the market.

Gerald and Betty Ford's home in Rancho Mirage sold for nearly $1.7 million in March.

Griffin hosted his own talk show and helped create and produce "Jeopardy!" and "Wheel of Fortune." He died from prostate cancer in 2007.

# Thai ministry complains about Lady Gaga's show

**BANGKOK** (AP)—Thailand's Culture Ministry is criticizing Lady Gaga over what it says was her inappropriate use of a Thai flag during a Bangkok concert last month.

Lady Gaga wore a traditional Thai headdress and a bikini and sat on a motorcycle with a Thai flag tied to it.

The ministry says the act was "not appropriate and hurt the feelings of the Thai people."

The ministry's Permanent Secretary Somchai Seanglai says his agency gave police a summary of public complaints it received.

Somchai says that is protocol but the ministry does not intend to seek legal action against the American pop diva.

Her Asian tour has been wildly popular but also raised objections. An Indonesian show was canceled after Muslim hard-liners denounced it.

# Martin Sheen on fathering: Faith, love, no regrets

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Go ahead, ask the perfect father of the perfect child for parenting tips. But since most of us fall short of flawless, how about considering Father's Day advice from a dad who's grappled with personal shortcomings, seen a son face his own struggles and still counts his blessings.

Presenting Martin Sheen, 71-year-old actor, liberal activist and father of Charlie Sheen, and Emilio, Ramon and Renee Estevez—all the product of a five-decade marriage to Janet Sheen.

The name that pops out is Charlie, 46, he of the headline-making "Two and a Half Men" meltdown and eruptions over his dad's tough-love attitudes on substance abuse. The waters are calmer with actor-director Emilio, 50, whose collaborations with Sheen include films and the new father-son memoir "Along the Way" (Free Press and Audible.com).

Renee, 45, an actress, has played opposite her dad in several projects, while Ramon, 48, is an actor and an executive with the family's Estevez Sheen production company.

Sheen admits to guilt about how his offspring were affected, in earlier years, by the alcoholism that bedeviled him and by his consuming career ambitions. If he had it to do over again, he wouldn't have had four children, he says, he would have had eight, rough patches or not.

"You're not going to get the ideal relationship," Sheen says. "Charlie could have become a priest, Emilio could have become a doctor. You don't get to choose that. And it's not really a reflection of you. They did have a hand in the bargain."

This Father's Day, as on others before it, Sheen will have a Mass said at his Catholic parish for his sons who are dads, Charlie and Emilio, and for Sheen's late father.

Without benefit of pulpit, but with the bent of a philosopher-poet, here's Sheen's take on the art of fathering:

■ "Obviously, be aware that your actions will speak louder and last longer than your words. A child absorbs through osmosis what the parents are feeling and what they do, far more than what they say."

■ "If you have an honest relationship with a child, that is the greatest gift. Lead an honest life and be free."

■ "Give them time. Time is really all we have."

■ With adult children, "you have to be there for them. You have to support them and make sure they know that they are still loved and cherished and you're still in their lives and you're there for them."

■ Remember the Irish phrase, "We never get over our fathers, and we're not required to." Adds Sheen: "For good or ill, we're stuck with these guys."

■ "The most important thing is that regret is useless and faith is necessary and love is everything."

AP

In this Sept. 23, 2011 file image originally released by AARP, from left, Emilio Estevez, Ramon Estevez, Martin Sheen and Charlie Sheen pose at the premiere of Emilio's film, "The Way," as part of AARP's Festival For Grown Ups at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles.

# Rep: Lohan treated for exhaustion after film shoot

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Lindsay Lohan continued to bring drama to the production of her latest film, receiving treatment for exhaustion and dehydration a week after she was involved in a car crash that sent her to the hospital.

Lohan's publicist Steve Honig says producers of the Lifetime film "Liz and Dick" summoned paramedics to Lohan's hotel room Friday morning after she did not respond for a shoot. The incident occurred after the actress completed an all-night shoot and had kept up a grueling schedule in recent days, Honig said.

AP

In this May 9, 2012 photo shows actress Lindsay Lohan at the A&E Networks 2012 Upfront at Lincoln Center in New York.

The actress was not transported to the hospital and will likely return to the set of the film Friday afternoon. The film focuses on the love affair between Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton.

Lifetime declined comment. And it was unclear whether the incident led to any delay in the film's production.

Fire officials confirmed they were summoned to a hotel in Marina del Rey on Friday morning around 10:15 a.m., but said they did not transport anyone to the hospital. They also said they could not identify the patient.

The incident is the latest scare for Lohan, who was involved in a car crash June 8 that sent her and her assistant to a hospital. The pair were on the way to a "Liz and Dick" shoot when the Porsche they were in collided with a dump truck on the Pacific Coast Highway. Neither was seriously injured and Lohan resumed shooting later in the day.

The accident remains under investigation and police have said they are still trying to determine who was driving.

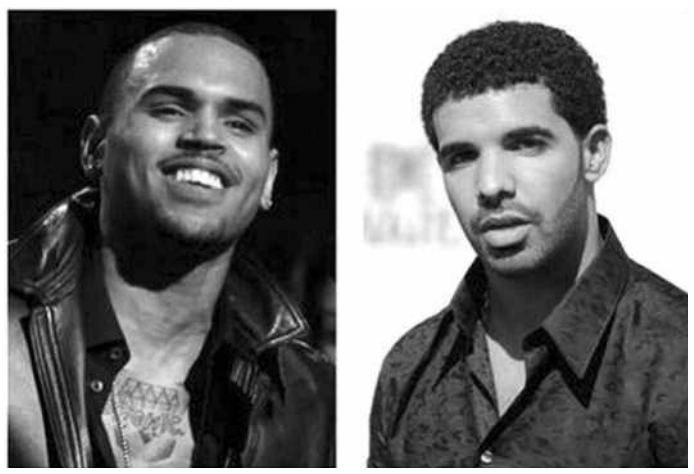
Lohan, 25, remains on informal probation for taking a necklace last year from a jewelry store without permission. She is not required to check in with a judge or probation officer, but could face a jail term if she is re-arrested.

# NYPD probe report of gunshots in Chris Brown brawl

**NEW YORK** (AP)—New York City police are investigating whether shots were fired inside a nightclub during a bottle-throwing brawl involving singer Chris Brown and Drake's entourage.

Some witnesses report hearing shots during the dust-up Thursday morning at W.i.P in SoHo, but no one reported seeing a gun. Police are looking into the claims.

Chris Brown, his girlfriend and his bodyguard were among eight injured during the fight inside the club. Police say members of Drake's entourage stopped Brown as he was leaving. The fight escalated and bottles were thrown.



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This combination of 2012 and 2011 file photos shows hip hop stars Chris Brown, left, and Drake.

Brown spoke with police; Drake has not. Drake's representatives say he was on his way out when the fight broke out and did not injure anyone.

A manager of a club in the same building was arrested Friday on an unrelated violation.

## *French basketball star hurt in Drake-Brown brawl*

Professional basketball star Tony Parker says he suffered a scratched retina on one of his eyes during a New York City nightclub brawl involving singer Chris Brown and members of hip-hop star Drake's entourage.

The guard for the San Antonio Spurs of the National Basketball Association, wearing dark sunglasses, described the incident Friday in Paris during a news conference posted on YouTube. He said he expects to be sidelined for about a week while the French team prepares for the Summer Olympics.

Parker said he was wearing a "therapeutic" contact lens and had to go to an emergency room for treatment after arriving in Paris.

Parker said: "I was with my friend Chris Brown and me and my friends took some punches, so I'll be missing the start of the French team because I can't do anything for a week except keep the lens in and then take drops."

Police said Brown, his girlfriend and his bodyguard were among several people injured during the bottle-hurling fight early Thursday at W.i.P in SoHo.

Parker said "they started throwing bottles everywhere. I don't know what happened. At first it was OK, but then it started getting worse and when the plane landed it was really hurting so I went straight to the ER."

The Spurs declined comment. ***(AP)***

# Grandparents' early memories are cherished family history

**By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
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DEAR ABBY: My parents are approaching their 80s, and I'd like to recommend to seniors that a cherished gift to their children and grandchildren would be a journal or family history book written by them describing their childhood memories and early married years. So many funny stories and historical markers of an earlier time—before computers and fax machines—will be lost if they're not shared.

Children and grandchildren can be given the chance to see through your eyes and your memories what their aunts, uncles and grandparents were like, and you can laugh together at the silly things that happened when you were young.

The family history can be passed from one generation to the next, and I cannot think of a more special gift.

CHARLENE IN CAMARILLO, CALIF.

**DEAR CHARLENE: That's a splendid idea. However, I would urge children and grandchildren to not wait for the family history, but to INTERVIEW their parents and grandparents now, with pencil in hand. Better yet, if possible, use a video recorder.**

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DEAR ABBY: I have a good friend who is married to an abrasive, negative woman. She never has anything nice to say about anyone or anything.

I value this friend and would like to continue our friendship, but I don't want his wife's negative energy around my family. Should I explain that he and his children are welcome in our home, but his wife is not? Or should I arrange to see him only when I know his wife is occupied elsewhere?

S.K. OUT WEST

**DEAR S.K.: What a sad situation. Your friend's wife's behavior indicates that she's an unhappy and troubled woman. As a couple, they probably need all the friends they can get.**

**To tell this man that you want to protect your family from his wife's "negative energy" could end the friendship, so I don't recommend it. Seeing him when his wife is otherwise occupied would be far more diplomatic.**

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a fairly intelligent 45-year-old woman. After being single for four years, I began dating a man my age with whom I share many interests. Early on, we had a few fights—possibly because we were both hurt in our previous relationships and were having a hard time adjusting to and trusting a new person.

Things have settled down now. Most of our time is spent together even though we live an hour apart, and we're considered a couple by our friends. I enjoy the time we spend together, but I keep remembering our early fights and I worry about repeats. I think because of our pasts we'll date for a long time before either of us considers moving in or making serious commitments.

My question is, how can you know if you're on the right path?

A LITTLE SKITTISH IN CANADA

**DEAR SKITTISH: The right path usually isn't a short sprint. You're on it when you realize how many common interests you have and how much you enjoy each other's company (which you do). You're on the right path when you can be open and honest with each other and work out differences without quarreling. And you're right: It CAN take some time to get there, but there's nothing wrong with that.**

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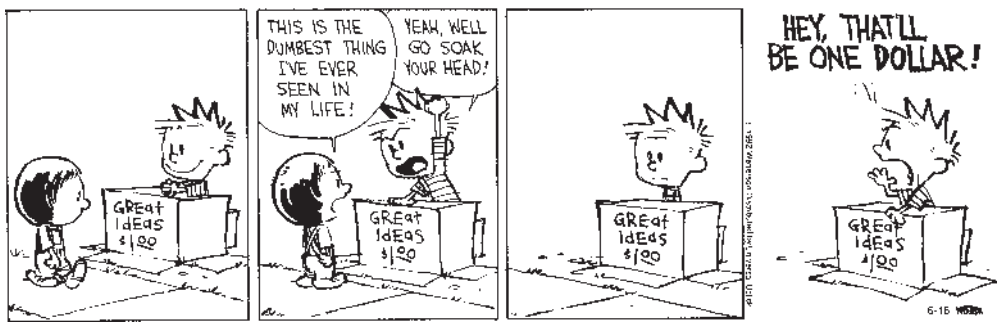
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

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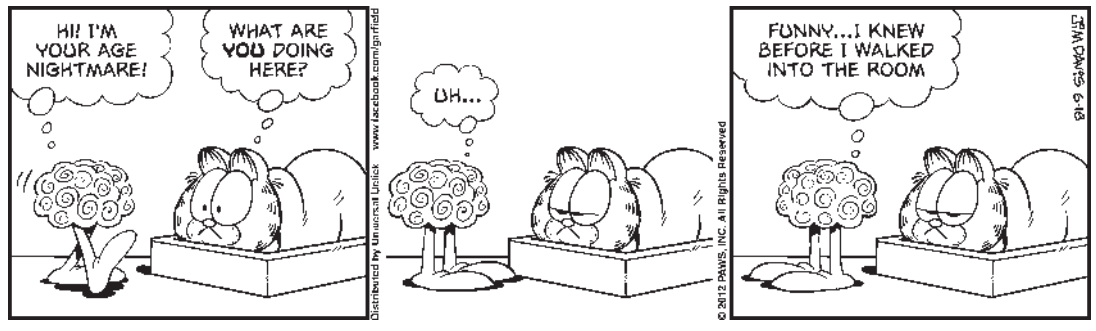
By Jim Davis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WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
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FUNNY...I KNEW BEFORE I WALKED INTO THE ROOM
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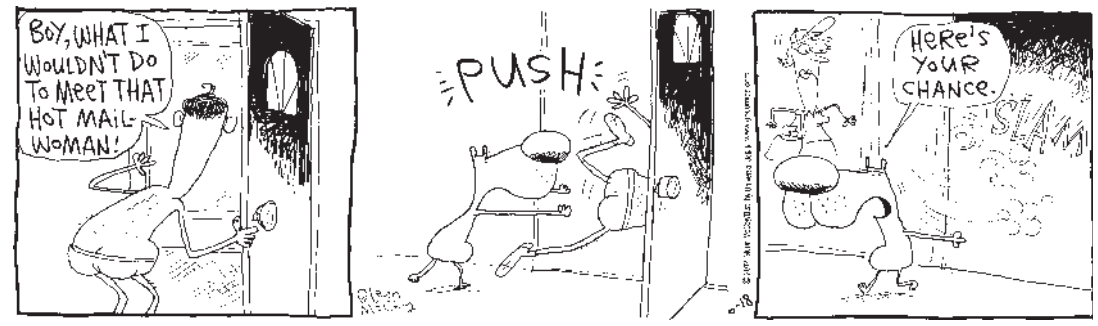
## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

I HAVE MY YEARLY PHYSICAL TOMORROW.
THAT'S SMART FOR SOMEONE YOUR AGE.
MY AGE? YOU'RE NOT MUCH YOUNGER THAN ME.
I'M JUST GLAD YOU'RE BEING RESPONSIBLE.
I WANT TO SEE IF HE CAN GIVE ME SOME OF "THOSE PILLS"
THOSE PILLS?
HAIR GROWTH.
OH... HAIR GROWTH... RIGHT.

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy




## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

**ACROSS**
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4 Film director Van Sant
7 Lather
11 Cabin makeup
13 Fire residue
14 Not working
15 Time of prosperity
16 Writer Buscaglia
17 Bridle strap
18 Inert gas
20 Nitwit
22 Family
24 Pre-eminent person
28 Diamond merchant
32 Skeptical sort
33 Line of symmetry
34 Child
36 Eat
37 Craze
39 Made a map of
41 Like urban air, maybe
43 Historic period
44 Verb's companion
46 Contest submission
50 Coffee, slangily
53 — Zedong
55 "Take — Train"
56 October birthstone
57 Speedometer stat
58 Witnessed
59 Obtains
60 Thanksgiving veggie
61 Wapiti

**DOWN**
1 Actress Jessica
2 Heath
3 Wide-eyed
4 Cowboy's sweetie
5 Second-hand
6 Trembled
7 Hoses are hooked up to them
8 Praise in verse
9 Clay, today
10 Fellows
12 Old West communications
19 Zero
21 Atl. counterpart
23 Badminton barrier
25 One
26 Baseball team
27 Scored 100 on
28 Jellies' mates
29 Physical
30 Drunkard
31 Sinbad's bird
35 Definite article
38 Past
40 Exist
42 Delicious
45 California grape valley
47 You, old-style
48 Rod's partner
49 Tug
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Solution time: 24 mins.

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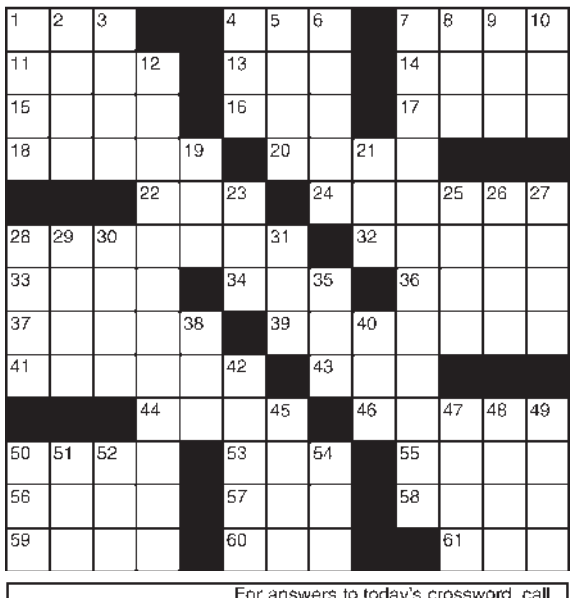
Saturday's answer 6-18



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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY**: Blake Shelton, 36; Carol Kane, 60; Roger Ebert, 70; Paul McCartney, 70.

**Happy Birthday**: Keeping a steady pace will help you stabilize your position. Don't divulge secret or personal information. Too much of anything will send the wrong signal. Arguments will not help you gain ground. A stalemate is likely to limit your progress. The sooner you become a team player, the easier it will be to reach your goals. Your numbers are 9, 14, 18, 27, 33, 42, 48.

**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*): Raise the bar, take the initiative and follow through. Past acquaintances can influence your future earning potential. Pursue a creative venture that allows you to use your skills to the fullest. Love is apparent if you make the first move. ✪✪✪✪

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*): Kindness, compassion and patience are good, but don't let anyone take advantage of you. Someone will withhold information in order to get your sympathy or support. Ask questions, assess your situation and strive to eliminate stress. ✪✪✪

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*): Taking a walk down memory lane will lead to reconnecting with someone from your past. Romance is highlighted, but before you make any promises, consider how the choices you make now will affect your future goals. Hard work will pay off. ✪✪✪

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*): Don't get involved in gossip or you'll end up being talked about behind your back. Expect to receive false information when dealing with government agencies or institutions. Follow the rules, and above all, don't let anger get the better of you. ✪✪✪

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Do what you can to help others. Volunteer your services or make a contribution. The more active you are, the easier it will be to win favors and support. Financial suggestions should be considered. Invest in you and what you have to offer. ✪✪✪✪

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Refrain from making a move or saying something you will live to regret. Emotions will be unstable and problems will appear to be much worse than they actually are. Concentrate on self-control and take measures to be and look your best. ✪✪

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Expand your interests, meet new people and travel to new places. Re-evaluate your goals and assess whether you should continue down the same path or make alterations that will help you offer a greater variety of services. ✪✪✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Go over your personal papers and make changes that will help your assets grow. Don't trust anyone to take care of your interests. A hands-on approach to whatever you pursue will protect you from someone taking advantage of you. ✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Concentrate on the changes you can make to improve your life, but go about any physical challenge cautiously. Romance is in the stars, but so is jealousy. Keep a clear head and avoid impulsive emotional actions. Make love, not war. ✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Don't gamble with your hard-earned cash. Look out for your physical, emotional and financial wellness. A change of plans may disrupt your day. Don't take on responsibilities that do not belong to you. Excess is the enemy. ✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Use your innovative, inventive mind. People will gravitate to your side and inspire you to follow your dreams. Love is highlighted, and sharing what you have with someone special will ease your stress, lower your overhead and bring you benefits. ✪✪✪✪✪

**PISCES** (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Be careful how you handle others. Too much of anything will make you appear careless and irresponsible. Avoid too much talk and unnecessary travel. Focus on a creative hobby that brings you pleasure, or do something special with youngsters. ✪✪

**Birthday Baby**: You are versatile and unpredictable. You are chatty, witty and bright.

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## SUDOKU

**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

**Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer**

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## WONDERWORD®

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**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

**AMERICAN CHEESE** Solution: 6 letters

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# Furyk, McDowell share lead as Tiger tumbles

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—Graeme McDowell and Jim Furyk, a pair of U.S. Open champions, managed to beat par at The Olympic Club.

Tiger Woods simply got battered.

In the 33 times he has started a round atop the leaderboard at a major, Woods never had a tougher struggle with par than Saturday at the U.S. Open - a 5-over 75 that made his uphill climb to the majestic clubhouse overlooking San Francisco feel a lot longer.

Thanks to late birdies by McDowell and Furyk, it won't get any easier Sunday.

McDowell showed the kind of fight that won him a U.S. Open two years ago down the coast at Pebble Beach. He scratched out pars and finished with a 4-foot birdie putt that gave him a 2-under 68 and a share of the lead going into the final round at The Olympic Club.

"Probably for the first time this week, I actually enjoyed the round of golf," McDowell said.

Furyk, also bidding for another trophy from golf's toughest test, outclassed Woods in the final pairing with key bunker saves and an 8-foot birdie putt on the 17th for a 70, making him the only player who has yet to have a round over par.

They were at 1-under 139, the only survivors against par.

"Obviously, I like being up front in the position I'm in," Furyk said. "The golf course will take its effect on a bunch of people. And the guys that go out there and deal with the conditions and the situations the best ... those are the guys that are have some success and have an opportunity to win the last few holes."

Woods sure didn't look like one of those guys in the third round. Wearing a key lime shirt, he turned in a lemon.

He fell out of the lead with two bogeys in the first three holes, couldn't make a birdie on the stretch of holes that Olympic allows players to make up ground, and ended with a sloppy bogey on the 18th for a 75. Only eight players had a higher score.

It matched Woods' worst score when he at least a share of the lead after any round of a major, a 3-over 75 in the final round of the 2009 PGA Championship when he lost to Y.E. Yang.

"I'm just going to have to shoot a good round tomorrow, and post early and see what happens," Woods said.

All was not lost for Woods, not to mention another dozen or so players. In a U.S. Open that has lived up to its reputation, it was difficult for anyone to get too far ahead.

McDowell and Furyk were two shots ahead of Fredrik Jacobson, who had a 68. Another shot behind was a group that included Lee Westwood, whose Saturday-best 67 gave him another shot at his first major; and Ernie Els, who holed a long pitch for eagle on the 17th that carried him to a 68. The Big Easy is a two-time U.S. Open champion, with that first title coming 18 years ago.

"Experience helps around here," Els said. "For some reason, I'm patient again this week and that's been kind of my virtue in major championship golf, the ability to be patient and wait it out. And I think you're going to have to do that tomorrow."

Thirteen players were separated by four shots going into Sunday, a list that includes 17-year-old Beau Hossler, who followed bogeys with birdies for a 70.

Woods, who has never won a major from behind, was five shots back. His round ended with a shot from the middle of the 18th fairway that hung up in the right collar of rough, and a stubbed chip that took a hard turn to the left some 10 feet away.

When he two-putted for his sixth bogey, his day got a little worse. Climbing the hill toward the fabled clubhouse at Olympic, a photographer brushed past him and Woods banged his hand into the camera. He shook it several times, but later said he was fine.

The real hurt came from Olympic.

"It was just a tough day on the greens, and most of the day, I just kept getting that half-number, right in between clubs all day," said Woods, who was either well long or short on his approach shots.

Furyk, the only player who has not had a round over par in this championship, and McDowell played together in the opening two rounds. Both are similar players who appear to be a good fit for Olympic - control off the tee and a strong fight to avoid bogeys. McDowell referred to Furyk as a "plodder," which at the U.S. Open is a high compliment.

"It doesn't have to look or be fancy. It has to work," Furyk said. "And I think we have styles of games where we put the ball into play, we put the ball on the green and take our chance at the putt and then move on."

But this was not shaping up as a two-man race for McDowell and Furyk.

"Looking at the leaderboard, you've got to look down as far as the guys at 3 or 4 (over) as having a realistic chance of winning this tournament," McDowell said.

That includes some regular characters, such as Westwood and Els and even two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen, who was five shots behind. And it features newcomers to this stage like Nicolas Colsaerts, the big hitter from Belgium—and even a high school kid.

For every bogey Hossler made, he answered with a birdie on the next hole.

His only big blunder came on the 11th, when he was too aggressive with a downhill putt and missed his par putt from 6 feet. Two holes later, he hit a heavy chip from the hazard that rolled back down a slope for another bogey. The kid just wouldn't go away, though, and suddenly he is dreaming big.

Hossler wanted to make the cut. Then, he wanted to be the low amateur. Now?

"My goal now is to win the tournament," he said.

In the 14 majors he has won, Woods was never worse than par in the pivotal third round and had a scoring average of 68.3. There was no way that was going to hold up on a course like Olympic, though Woods was expecting better than what he delivered on this Saturday.

AP

Tiger Woods reacts after a shot on the 16th hole during the third round of the U.S. Open Championship golf tournament Saturday, June 16, 2012, at The Olympic Club in San Francisco.

# Yankees beat Nationals, win 8th in row

**WASHINGTON** (AP) — Mark Teixeira hit a two-run double in the 14th inning Saturday and the New York Yankees beat the Washington Nationals 5-3 for their eighth consecutive victory.

Teixeira's drive to the right-field corner off Brad Lidge (0-1) brought home Jayson Nix and Derek Jeter in the longest game by innings for either team this season.

Freddy Garcia (1-2) pitched two innings to get the win. Rafael Soriano finished for his 12th save, but only after allowing consecutive one-out singles to Jesus Flores and Steve Lombardozzi.

### Cardinals 10, Royals 7

In St. Louis, Matt Holliday homered and drove in five runs to power St. Louis to the victory.

Yadier Molina also went deep and finished with four RBIs as the Cardinals won for the third time in four games.

### Pirates 9, Indians 2

In Cleveland, A.J. Burnett became the first Pittsburgh pitcher since 1990 to win six straight starts and Pedro Alvarez homered twice.

Burnett (7-2) gave up two runs over 6 2-3 innings. He extended the best stretch by a Pirates pitcher since Doug Drabek won six in a row.

### Blue Jays 6, Phillies 5, 10 innings

In Toronto, Rajai Davis drove home the winning run with a two-out drive in the 10th inning that bounced over the wall and Toronto extended Cliff Lee's winless streak to 11 starts.

Yunel Escobar connected for a solo homer among his three hits and also scored the winning run. Francisco Cordero (2-4) pitched one inning for the victory.

### Brewers 6, Twins 2

In Minneapolis, Ryan Braun hit two home runs and Michael Fiers pitched seven strong innings for Milwaukee.

Braun added a double and a walk to back Fiers (2-2), who gave up one run and four hits. Aramis Ramirez and Cody Ransom also homered for the Brewers.

### Tigers 4, Rockies 1

In Detroit, Doug Fister pitched six shutout innings in his return from the disabled list and Miguel Cabrera homered to lead Detroit to the win.

Fister (1-3) had been out since aggravating a ribcage strain on May 28. He missed a month after sustaining the original injury in his first start of the season.

### Athletics 6, Padres 4

In Oakland, California, pinch-hitter Jonny Gomes belted a two-run homer in the seventh inning to lift Oakland to its fifth consecutive victory.

Seth Smith also homered for the A's. Jemile Weeks and Collin Cowgill each drove in a run.

### Orioles 5, Braves 0

In Atlanta, Jason Hammel pitched a one-hitter for his first career shutout, allowing only Jason Heyward's two-out single in the seventh inning, and Baltimore beat Atlanta.

There have already been five no-hitters in the majors this season, including three this month, and Hammel made a strong bid to add to the list.

### Rangers 8, Astros 3

In Texas, Nelson Cruz hit a towering three-run homer the pitch after Adrian Beltre's two-run single and Texas went on to beat Houston, making Justin Grimm a winner in his major league debut Saturday night.

Rookie Lucas Harrell (6-5) had held Texas scoreless until those consecutive one-out pitches in the sixth.

### Red Sox 4, Cubs 3

In Chicago, Jarrod Saltalamacchia homered to back a strong start by Jon Lester, and struggling Boston beat the Chicago Cubs 4-3.

The Red Sox could breathe a little easier after dropping eight of the previous 11, even if things got tight toward the end.

### Angels 2, Diamondbacks 0

In Anaheim, California, Ervin Santana took a perfect game into the seventh inning before finishing with a one-hitter, and Mark Trumbo hit a two-run homer in the Angels' victory over Arizona.

Santana (4-7) bounced back from several rough outings by retiring Arizona's first 20 hitters before Justin Upton's two-out single to center in the seventh.

### Marlins 4, Rays 3, 15 innings

In Florida, Scott Cousins hit a tiebreaking RBI triple in the 15th inning and struggling Miami edged Tampa Bay.

Justin Ruggiano doubled with one out and raced home when Cousins sent a pitch from Brandon Gomes (1-2) down the right-field line.

### Mariners 7, Giants 4

In Seattle, Jesus Montero and Casper Wells hit long first-inning homers off Tim Lincecum and Seattle rallied to beat San Francisco.

Franklin Gutierrez's infield single in the sixth put Seattle ahead to stay as the Mariners ended a six-game losing streak.

### White Sox 5, Dodgers 4

In Los Angeles, Alexei Ramirez opened the scoring with a two-run single and scored the go-ahead run for the Chicago White Sox, who blew a lead to the Los Angeles Dodgers for the second straight game before coming back to win.

Philip Humber (3-4) threw 99 pitches over five laborious innings, but got the victory after allowing four runs and nine hits.

### Reds 4, Mets 1

In New York, Homer Bailey pitched out of trouble for eight innings, Jay Bruce hit a three-run homer and Cincinnati beat New York Mets for their fifth straight victory.

Ryan Ludwick added an RBI single to help the NL Central leaders move a season-best 10 games over .500 at 37-27.

# A tense, tied NBA Finals moves to Miami for Game 3

**OKLAHOMA CITY** (AP) —Kevin Durant had the ball in his hands and LeBron James in his face.

With 10 seconds left in Game 2, the NBA Finals were providing all the theater anyone could ask. Two superstars going head-to-head, the Miami Heat trying to hold off another stirring rally by the Oklahoma City Thunder, television ratings reaching levels last seen when Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal played together.

James forced Durant to miss that tying attempt—perhaps getting away with a foul—and the Heat held on for a 100-96 victory on Thursday night that evened the series at one game apiece. And as it shifts to Miami for the next three games, the only thing that seems certain is a tense series that looks to be lengthy.

Game 3 is Sunday night and Heat coach Erik Spoelstra thinks it will look similar to the first two.

"This is going to be probably like this every single game, and that's the beauty of competition at this level, and embracing that competition and seeing what it brings out of you collectively," Spoelstra said.

It's brought out the best of league MVP James and Durant, the NBA scoring champion. The series hype was built around them and they spent the first two games living up to every ounce of it.

James has bounced back from his disappointing 2011 finals by scoring 30 and then 32 points, and even that was only good enough for a split because Durant has been just as good. He followed up his 36-point performance in Game 1 by scoring 32 on Thursday, 16 in the fourth quarter after he scored 17 in the final period of the opener. Yet that was wasted because the Thunder had fallen into a 17-point hole in the first half.

The Thunder also spotted Miami a 13-point lead in the first half of Game 1 and have fallen into double-digit holes in three straight games. Coach Scott Brooks said after Game 2 he wasn't considering a new starting lineup, even though the Thunder have been more effective with a smaller group on the floor.

Instead, he said the only change the Thunder needed was greater intensity from the start.

"We didn't come out with the toughness that we need to come out with. We're an aggressive team, we're a physical team," he said. "Defensive mindset was not where it needs to be, and hopefully we change that going into Game 3."

The slow starts at home could mean trouble for the Thunder in Miami, where they won't have their raucous crowd to help rattle the Heat. But Oklahoma City has been good on the road in the postseason, winning twice in Dallas in the first round, taking a game in Los Angeles in the second round and pulling out a Game 5 victory in San Antonio in the Western Conference finals.

"These are the two best teams. They're confident no matter what building they're in," James said. "We're happy now that it's a 1-1 series and we're going back to Miami and will take control of the home court. It doesn't mean that the series has changed. Both teams can win on each other's floor and both teams are confident."

Ratings through two games are up 11 percent from last year, when it seemed interest in the Heat couldn't get higher, and Thursday drew the highest rating for a Game 2 since 2004, when the Lakers lost to Detroit in their last title run with O'Neal and Bryant.

The latest game provided a look at the best of what both teams have: James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh all making big plays in the fourth quarter; Sixth Man of the Year James Harden coming off the Thunder bench to keep them in it while Durant sat with foul trouble; Russell Westbrook turning from sloppy to sensational as the game went along.

So what's next?

"It's a long series. After Game 1 there was the hyperbole of, `The Heat have no idea what to do with the speed of OKC.' I have no idea what the story lines will be after Game 2," Miami forward Shane Battier said. "We know every game is its own beast. You just have to play disciplined and tough to win a single game in the finals."

Battier has provided surprising offense with 17 points in each game while also taking his turns defending Durant. But it's James who will likely have that role during the important stretches, such as the crucial moment of Game 2.

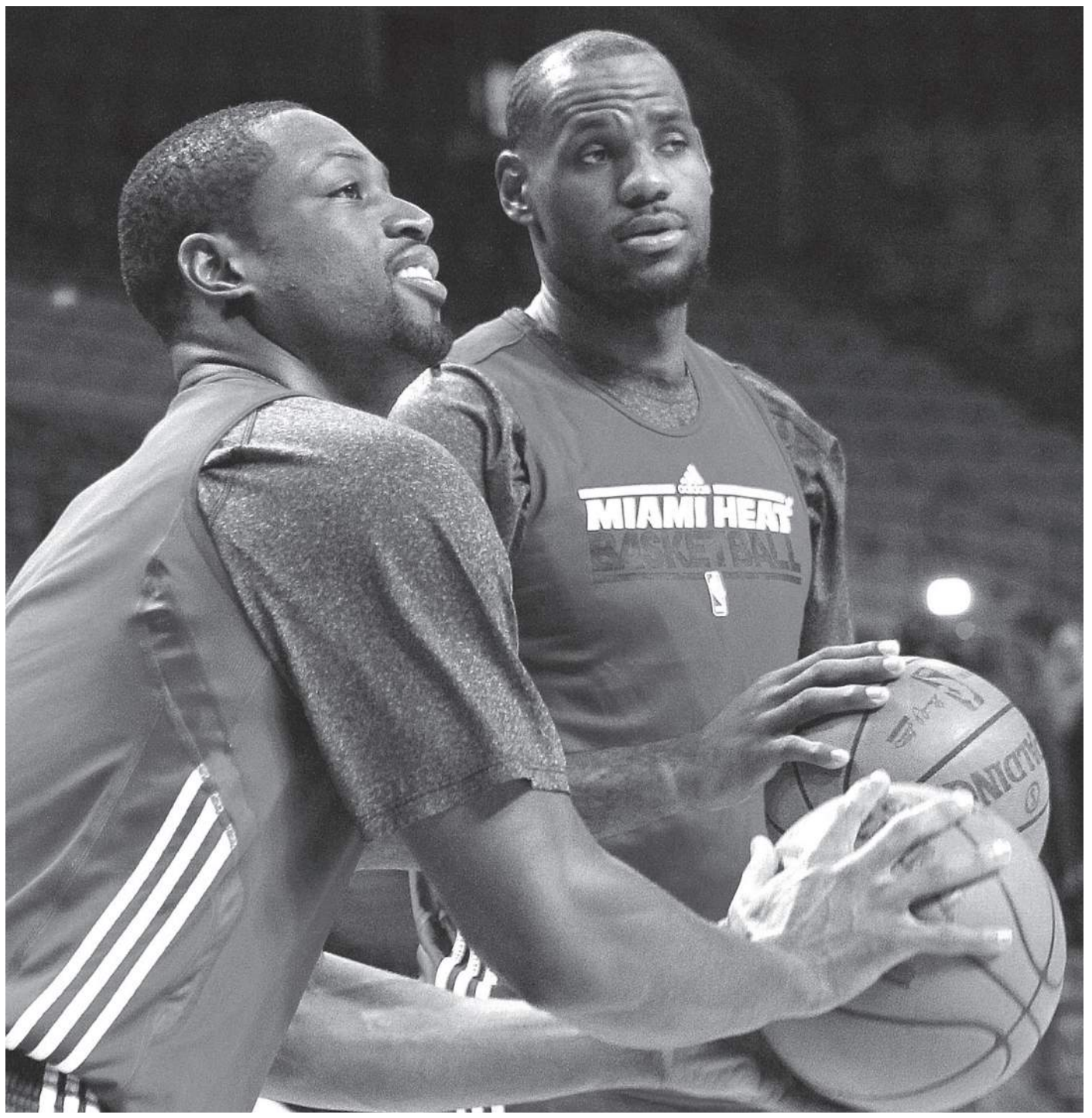
Durant expects to score no matter who his guarding him. The problem, he said, is the Thunder aren't paying enough attention to the other end of the floor.

"I've got to make shots for my team. But I think on the defensive end, we all have to be better, and we can't really worry about the offensive end," he said. "We missed shots, but we can't let it dictate our defense. But I've got to stay positive, keep working, and we're looking forward to a Game 3."

The Heat's last finals game on their home floor ended with Dallas celebrating a championship after Game 6 last year. They can be the ones partying this time if they take care of all three in Miami.

For now, the Heat are only worried about the first one.

"We've got to figure out a way at home to protect home floor, especially in Game 3, and win it," Wade said. "If you go up there and lose Game 3, you've given them, in a sense, home court right back. We just want to continue to play well at home like we've done all season long."

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Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade, left, and LeBron James run drills during the team's practice on Saturday, June 16, 2012, in Miami. The Heat are scheduled to face the Oklahoma City Thunder in Game 3 of the NBA basketball finals on Sunday.

# Phil Jackson says 'there might be' a job he'd take

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Phil Jackson says "there might be" an NBA job that would lure him out of retirement.

The 11-time NBA champion coach tells HBO's "Real Sports" that the Knicks and Magic openings this offseason were not the positions to bring him back to the bench. In an interview scheduled to air Tuesday night, Jackson confirms that New York, where he started his playing career, didn't contact him before removing the interim tag from Mike Woodson's title, but "I wasn't going to take the job, that's for sure."

Jackson calls the Knicks' roster "clumsy" because their players "don't fit well together."

Amare Stoudemire needs "to play in a certain system and a way," he said. "Carmelo (Anthony) has to be a better passer. The ball can't stop every time it hits his hands."

Asked whether that's the sort of situation he's successfully turned around in the past, Jackson says: "Yeah. Well, it didn't happen."

Jackson says he wasn't interested in Orlando because it's too far from his Montana home.

The 66-year-old says he's feeling better physically after knee replacement surgery in March. Jackson resigned from the Lakers for the second time after last season.

# *Shaw, Snyder had 2nd interviews with Jordan*

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** (AP)—Charlotte Bobcats president of basketball operations Rod Higgins said Saturday the team is getting closer to make a decision on their next head coach, but no one has been offered the job.

Higgins said two finalists for the job—Indiana Pacers assistant coach Brian Shaw and Los Angeles Lakers assistant coach Quin Snyder—had a second round of interviews this week that included Bobcats owner Michael Jordan. Higgins confirmed that Hall of Fame coach Jerry Sloan told the team he was withdrawing from the running for the job.

''They are impressive candidates,'' Higgins said of the two finalists.

Nonetheless, Higgins would not rule out the possibility of the team interviewing another candidate in the future.

''Maybe,'' Higgins said. ''I want to be as transparent as possible but at the same time there are certain things we want to keep private.''

Either way, it appears the Bobcats coaching search will continue into next week and possibly longer.

After the NBA lottery on May 31, Higgins said he hoped to have a coach in place ''in a couple of weeks,'' but said Friday there is no timetable.

''It's going to take a little longer,'' Higgins said.

The Bobcats are looking to replace Paul Silas, who was not granted a contract extension after the team finished 7-59 last season, the worst winning percentage (.106) in NBA history.

The Bobcats interviewed 10 candidates but trimmed the list to three this week.

Previously eliminated from consideration were Orlando assistant coach Patrick Ewing, Charlotte assistant Stephen Silas, ex-Portland coach Nate McMillan, Golden State assistant Michael Malone, Cleveland assistant Nate Tibbetts, Memphis assistant Dave Joerger and St. John's University assistant Mike Dunlap.

Higgins said the team is focused on making the right hire.

''We interviewed quite a few people and we're just making sure we have the right fit for us,'' Higgins said. ''We're just trying to go through everyone's background.''

Sloan was the only finalist who had experience as a head coach. He coached 22 seasons in all, including 19 with the Utah Jazz. He twice took the Jazz to the NBA Finals, both times losing to Jordan and the Chicago Bulls.

Higgins said he wasn't surprised Sloan pulled out of the running for the job.

''It's all part of the process and I'm sure it's happened before,'' he said.

Snyder has been a head coach in the NBDL and at Missouri, while Shaw has won five NBA titles—three as a player and two as an assistant, but has never been a head coach.

# Marianas Water survives 8 Division in overtime

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Marianas Water needed extra five minutes to slip past 8 Division, 82-80, during the curtain raiser in the 2012 DLX/DL JOS Inter-Color Basketball League last Saturday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Marianas Water outgunned 8 Division in the first 1:30 of the overtime, 7-2, and drew timely baskets from Amor Casabuena and Melvin Capalad in the closing seconds to improve to a 2-1 record.

The game went into extra five minutes after both teams muffed their chances of winning the match in regulation. Daniel Dela Cruz had a split for 8 Division, missing his first free throw before making the second for the equalizer. His charities came after 8 Division moved within one off Rafael River's triple, 66-67, and Marianas Water missed on the other end.

Marianas Water then had another opportunity to win the game outright when they had the final possession in regulation, but Capalad faltered on his turnaround shot from the left baseline as time expired.

In overtime, 8 Division's Jun Hernandez made the first basket, but Marianas Water answered with a 7-0 run off Casabuena's triple and Dennis Pacheco and Joseph Galulu's layups for their 74-69 lead, with still over three minutes left in the game.

8 Division refused to give up as it launched its own short 5-0 rally and had a chance to either tie the game or take the lead with a triple after Marianas Water had another botched play. However, Marianas Water made a defensive stop, stealing the ball from Tito Alano near midcourt and completing the big play with Casabuena pulling away for an uncontested layup.

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Marianas Water's Melvin Capalad, left, tries to penetrate the baseline against an 8 Division defender during their game in the DLX/DL JOS caging last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Marianas Water extended the lead to five, 80-74, going into the final 30 seconds, but 8 Division was not ready to throw the towel yet as Hernandez scored three quick points in the ensuing plays. Ahead by only three, 80-77, Marianas Water rushed the inbound play and Capalad found himself alone at their frontcourt for the easy insurance basket. A buzzer-beating triple from Hernandez pegged the final score.

### Brabu Gualo Rai 83, Wushin 76

In the battle of winless teams, Brabu Gualo Rai finally made it to the win column after outclassing Wushin Express in the second game.

Gualo Rai (1-3) drew double figures from four players for the 7-point win over Wushin, which dropped to a 0-5 record in Pool B of the 16-team league. Genesis Mamaril led Gualo Rai with his 23 markers, Nelson Samson added 16, and JP Jose and Danny Dayrit chipped in 14 and 10, respectively.

Ferdie Tobias top-scored for Wushin with his 27 points.

### First Game

**Marianas Water 82** – Casabuena 26, Capalad 19, Galulu 16, Pacheco 8, Olivos 5, Vergara 2.

**8 Division 80** – Dela Cruz 25, Hernandez 22, Rivera 17, Detera 6, Miguel 4, Alano 4, Reyes 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 15-19, 32-33, 52-48, 67-67, 82-80.

### Second Game

**Brabu Gualo Rai 83** – Mamaril 23, Samson 16, Jose 14, Dayrit 10, Navarro 9, Mabini 6.

**Wushin Express** 76 – Tobias 27, Tibayan 16, Ebuen 11, Villasan 9, Dacumos 9.

**Scoring by quarters:** 23-20, 45-42, 65-59, 83-76.

## CNMI

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first U18 event in the NPQ and won his debut, beating Guam's Christian Penafiel in the finals, 6-0, 6-2. The victory versus Penafiel was a sweet one for Miller, as the latter absorbed his lone loss in the tournament against the former, 6-7 (2), 6-7 (7).

With Miller bowing to Penafiel in the round-robin play, he finished only second in Pool A and was forced to duel teammate and erstwhile U18 champion Rafael Jones in the semifinals. The 16-year-old Miller went on to down Jones, 6-0, 6-4, to advance to the finals and earn a rematch against Penafiel, who eliminated the CNMI's Jake Lee, 6-1, 6-2. Jones saved third place after slipping past Lee in the consolation game, 7-6 (8), 6-7 (5), 6-2.

In the girls U18, Minor successfully defended her crown, winning the all-CNMI finale against Melody Johnson, 6-3, 6-2. Thea made it to the title game after edging sister Theecel, 6-1, 6-2, while Johnson prevailed in the other semis pairing, thumping Palau's Abigail Gbewonyo, 6-1, 6-2. The straight set win over Johnson gave Thea a perfect record (no set lost) in the NPQ.

Theecel gave the CNMI a 1-2-3 finish in the U18 after thwarting Gbewonyo in the battle for third place, 6-3, 6-3.

The girls U15 championship was another all-CNMI affair with Lopez outclassing Negahr Rastguiy, 6-3, 6-2. Lopez, who also did not drop a single set in the tournament, boosted her chances for back-to-back titles after eliminating Palau's Ayana Rengiil in the semis, 6-1, 6-1. Rastguiy took the other finals berth after easing past teammate Emily Jones, 6-1, 6-0. Jones also dropped her third place game against Rengiil, 2-6, 0-6.

The third all-CNMI finals took place in the boys U12 division with Ren sweeping teammate Luther Lizama, 6-1, 6-3. Ren clinched the finals berth in the upper half of the draw after spanking Guam's Mason Caldwell, while a 6-4, 6-3 victory over FSM's William Joab in the lower half moved Lizama into the finals.

Carol Lee completed the CNMI's sweep in the U12 age group when she defeated teammate Isabel Heras in the finals, 6-1, 6-2. Lee and Heras, who were unbeaten in the pool play, extended their streaks and arranged their title duel after winning over teammates Julia Ishikawa, 6-1, 6-2, and Elizaveta Atalig, 6-1, 6-02, in the semifinals, respectively. Ishikawa settled for third place, following a 6-1, 6-1 triumph over Atalig.

Meanwhile, Guam's Derek Okuhama foiled the CNMI's bid for a sweep in the NPQ when he outclassed Christian Cajigan in the boys U15 finals, 6-2, 5-7, 6-3. Okuhama marched into the finals after beating the CNMI's Tommy Choi, 6-4, 6-2, while Cajigan spoiled an all-Guam finale after downing the host's David Okuhama in the other semis pairing, 6-4, 6-3.

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well-oiled offense anchored on Tony Diaz, who knocked in 11 in the opening canto for their 23-11 lead.

Bayani protected the double-digit lead in the next three quarters and although Laguna managed to cut the once 25-point deficit to 10, 66-76, the latter ran out of time in the end.

Diaz paced Bayani with his 15 points, while Lilio Tiples and Ed Cosino contributed 12 and 11, respectively.

Edgar Pangelinan led Laguna with his game-high 28 markers, while Sonny Ebuen and Dindo Pablo had 10 apiece.

### Batangas 97, VisMinda 84

In the first game, Batangas/Fong's Bakery also posted an easy victory over VisMinda (1-3).

Amor Casabuena returned to action after missing two matches and had a breakout game, firing 28 points and hitting five triples. Three other Batangas players tallied double figures to survive the 36-point output of VisMinda's Bobby Geli. Joseph Galulu logged 18, while Jun Abedes and Rick Alejandro nailed 17 and 14, respectively.

Casabuena gave Batangas a 26-12 advantage after ending the first period with back-to back triples. He finished the opening canto with eight markers, while Alejandro added six.

Batangas never looked back from thereon, as Casabuena continued his hot shooting, while Galulu and Abedes also found their mark in the last three quarters.

### First Game

**Batangas/Fong's Bakery 97** – Casabuena 28, Galulu 18, Abedes 17, Alejandro 14, Bernardo 8, Puno 6.

**VisMinda/Civic Boys 84** – Geli 36, Atalig 12, Olfindo 11, Miguel 8, S. Quemado 6, Belo 4, Sevilla 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 26-12, 54-32, 74-51, 97-84.

### Second Game

**Bayani/LBT Appraisal 82** – Diaz 15, Tiples 12, Cosino 11, Ocampo 8, De La Torre 8, Pineda 7, F. Palacios 6, J. Palacios 6, Bicera 2, Sahagun 2.

**Laguna/Twinkle/Erika's 67** – Pangelinan 28, Ebuen 10, Pablo 10, Lansang 6, Lopez 6, Manipon 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 23-11, 39-24, 62-46, 82-67.

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list are the Ol'Aces' Juan Iguel (0.500), Yankees' Chris Camacho (0.429), Brewers' Roy Celis (0.412), Fielders' Anthony Tenorio (0.412), Brewers' Byron Kaipat (0.400), D-9ers' Isaiah Lizama (0.400), and the Yankees' Dave Camacho Jr. (0.381), Ben Jones Jr. (0.375), Robert Bansil (0.368), and Gary Cruz (0.350); statistics were based on at least 16 at bats.

Kaipat and Chris Camacho lead the league in runs batted in (RBIs) with 11 each, however Sablan (9) is well in the mix.

Yankees' Jerome Delos Santos and Aces Nokki Saralu each have a home run under their belts so far this year, and Dave Camacho Jr. and Ben Jones Jr. both lead in triples with two apiece.

Celis, Juan Iguel, and Tenorio all have three doubles so far, while Sablan and Saralu have both crossed the plate a league-best 10 times.

In pitching, Yankees' Joshua Jones finished his season with three wins and gave up just two earned runs through 29 innings for a league-low 0.62 Earned Run Average (ERA).

Brewers' Thomas Camacho (1-0) holds the second spot with one earned run allowed through 10 and 1/3 innings for an ERA of 0.87, while Fielders' Brandon Santos holds an even 1.00 ERA after giving up just one earned run through nine frames.

Brewers' Vince Cepeda (1-0/2ER/14.2IP/1.23ERA), Aces' Benwachi Taisacan (0-1/3ER/12IP/2.25ERA), Angels' Franco Flores (1-1/5ER/20IP/2.25ERA), Fielders' Elton Santos (1-2/11ER/25IP/3.96ERA), Masters' Ben Duenas (1-1/8ER/16IP/4.50ERA) and Aces' Juan Iguel (1-1/7ER/13.1IP/4.73ERA) rounded out the rest of the field.

Joshua Jones struck out 68 batters before heading off to play college ball last week and currently holds bragging rights in the category ahead of Elton Santos (33) and Cepeda (27).

Meanwhile, in the team standings, Saipan Stevedore Co.-Northern Yankees are in first place with a 5-1 record. Behind them come the Brewers (4-1), the defending champion St. Michael's Medical Response-Angels (3-1), the Ol'Aces (3-2), the IP&E-Fielders (2-3), the Rep. Sylvester Iguel-Masters (1-4), and the Rep. Ray Yumul-D-9ers (0-6).

The season continues tonight at 6:30pm with the Brewers squaring off against the Angels at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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Notably, this was Zuercher's last appearance as she is leaving soon to continue her studies in the mainland. However the team has other returning members who will help fill Zuercher's shoes.

In the men's division, Hoe Lokahi swept the four-team field made up of runner-up Saipan Outrigger Cano Club, third placer Marianas Pacific Paddlers, and Saipan Paddlers Club.

Since there were only two racing lanes the men raced two boats at a time and compared the post times, accordingly.

The Hoe Lokahi men notched a win in the first 500-meter sprint with their 2:16 mark, ahead of MPP (2:22), SOCC (2:25) and SPC (2:36). The hosts went on to take the second heat with their 2:15, in front of SOCC (2:23), MPP (2:31) and SPC (2:38).

In the finale, Hoe Lokahi crossed the line at 2:20, just one second ahead of SPC (2:21), while SOCC (2:32.60) nipped MPP (2:33.72) for third place by less than a second.

The men's field warded 0.75 points for first place finishes, 2 points for second, 3 points for third place and 4 to fourth with the team with lowest total score declared the overall winner. Hoe Lokahi finished with 2.25, ahead of SOCC (7), MPP (9) and SPC (11).

Hoe Lokahi men then finished the day with a 1,000-meter distance race against MPP and the event came down to the wire the former coming out on top by only one second at 5:38. The winning team is composed of Kraig Church, Kelvin Fitial, Grafton Howard, Ed Johnson, Jack Karibiel, James Lee, and Frank Villagomez. Hoe Lokahi women's crew also participated in the distance event for some good practice.

Hoe Lokahi holds monthly racing events in addition to private team practices as they prepare to compete in the upcoming Micronesian Cup races, which will be held this year on Saipan on October 27 and 28.

Next month's 500-meter and 1,000-meter races are slated for July 21 at Kilili Beach. Races start at 8am. For more information, contact Hoe Lokahi's Leilani Nielsen at heavymana@gmail.com.

# Weekend Sports

# Saipan All-Stars, CNMI jr. netters excel

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The CNMI Junior Tennis Team and Saipan All-Stars posted big wins last week.

The Commonwealth netters dominated the 2012 North Pacific Qualifying Tournament in Guam, topping five of the six singles competitions. Thea Minor and Christian Miller ruled the U18 age group, Michael Ren and Carol Lee prevailed in the U12 division, and Mikayla Lopez won the U15 category. The CNMI netters triumphed over Guam, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia players.

In baseball, Saipan swept the 2012 CNMI District Tournament. The host shut out Tinian in the Majors, 9-0, to earn the right to represent the CNMI to the 2012 Asia Pacific Regional Tournament next month in Guam.

In the Junior League, the Saipan All-Stars also triumphed and this time crushed Rota, 15-1, while the host's Senior and Big League teams were victorious against Rota, 12-5, and15-5, respectively.

Meanwhile, other on-going leagues/competitions on Saipan continued last week.

In the IT&E badminton tournament, Alma and Joel Ortega clinched the mixed doubles C crown, while Toshiko Obata and Oh Im Bog took the mixed doubles B championship. The other divisions (mixed doubles C and men's and women's singles A, B, and C divisions) had their playoff games.

In basketball, the UFO Budweiser Cup had MDX/Armatech winning the battle of undefeated teams against Bayani/LBT Appraisal, while Bayani/DYS downed the then unbeaten MDX/Mariana Resort in the U20 division of the Docomo Pacific Cup.

Still in basketball, the Fastbreakers remained perfect in fives games in the DLX/DL JOS caging after winning over Sinigang last week, while KFC had its three-game winning streak snapped by Banahaw.

Other basketball games played last week were from the Blue Haus caging and Docomo Pacific youth leagues.

In soccer, Shirley's FC and Paire won their respective semis games to advance in the women's league finals, while the CNMI U13 Team played in the AFC U13 Girls Football Tournament in Nanjing, China.

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Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios delivers a message during the opening of the 2012 CNMI District Tournament at the "Tan Ko" ballfield last week.

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Members of the Saipan Major All-Stars pose for a photo after winning over Tinian in the 2012 CNMI District Tournament last week.

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Jen Savellano in action during her and Jojo Savellano's elimination round game in the IT&E badminton tournament last week at the NMBA Gym.

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Members of the Saipan Junior All-Stars pose for a photo after winning over Rota in the 2012 CNMI District Tournament last week.

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Members of the CNMI Junior Tennis Team pose for a photo during the opening of the 2012 North Pacific Qualifying Tournament at the Rick Ninete Tennis Centre in Tamuning, Guam, last week.

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Members of the CNMI U13 Team pose for a group photo at the departure area of the Saipan International Airport.

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Banahaw Restaurant's Juluis Tabamo, center, is hounded by San Roque defenders during their game in the DLX/DL JOS caging last week at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
CNMI coach Jeff Race talk to his players before the games in the 2012 North Pacific Qualifying Tournament at the Rick Ninete Tennis Centre in Tamuning, Guam, last week.

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# CNMI junior netters deliver in NPQ

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The CNMI Junior Tennis Team continued its domination in the North Pacific Qualifying Tournament after nearly sweeping the singles division titles in the 2012 edition of the annual competition held last week in Tamuning, Guam.

The CNMI bets won five of the six championships at stake in the five-day tournament played at the Rick Ninete Tennis Centre. Delivering top finishes for the Commonwealth were Christian Miller, Thea Minor, Carol Lee, Michael Ren, and Mikayla Lopez.

Miller, who ruled last year's U15 division, played in his

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The CNMI's Mikayla Lopez, seen here competing in the PIC tournament this year, defended her U15 title in the 2012 North Pacific Qualifying Tournament after beating teammate Negahr Rastguiy in the finals last Friday in Guam.

# Bayani ends Laguna's streak

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Bayani/LBT's Danny Bicera, right, goes for a layup against Laguna's Henry Manipon during the fourth quarter of their game in the UFO Budweiser Cup last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Bayani/LBT Appraisal recorded another easy win after cruising past Laguna/Twinkle/Erika's, 82-67, during the second game in the 2012 UFO Masters Budweiser Cup last Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Bayani, which came from an 89-59 rout of MAFEA/CMI last Tuesday, capitalized on the absence of Laguna forward Hae Jun Park to walk away with a 15-point victory. Bayani now has a 3-1 record for second place behind the undefeated MDX/Armatech (4-0), while Laguna fell to a tie for third with Batangas/Fong's Bakery (2-2).

With Park, who averaged in double figures in Laguna's back-to-back wins, missing the game, the team struggled early on offense, making only four field goals and 11 points n the first period.

In contrast, Bayani ran a

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# Hoe Lokahi sweeps June canoe races

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The Hoe Lokahi Canoe Club's men and women's crews swept Saturday's 500-meter races held at Kilili Beach.

The Hoe Lokahi women won all three of its sprints over a group of ladies from Saipan Paddlers Club.

Hoe Lokahi clocked in at under three minutes in all three heats. They recorded times of 2:46, 2:50, and 2:54 that topped SPC's 2:57, 3:07 and 3:10 marks.

The scoring system in the Hoe Lokahi-organized event awards 0.75 points for first place and 2 points for second place, with the team with the lowest score declared the victor, thus Hoe Lokahi earned the win, 2.25 to 6.

Hoe Lokahi's women's crew includes Elizabeth Church, Melia Johnson, Shelli Neal, Leilani Nielsen, Dana Okano, Rebecca Skeele, and Rachel Zuercher.

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# Iguel, Sablan top SML batting chart

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The Ol'Aces' Jesus Iguel, seen here waiting for the pitch, leads SML in batting race, tied with Tan Holdings-Brewers' Manny Sablan.

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The Ol'Aces leadoff man Jesus Iguel and Tan Holdings-Brewers slugger Manny Sablan both have nine hits in 17 at bats to share top honors in the category with similar 0.529 batting averages.

Iguel and Sablan are heading six others swinging at 0.400 or better with four other batters maintaining a 0.350 hitting rate or better, according to Saipan Major League Baseball Association's latest standings as of June 4.

Joining the co-leaders on the

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The Hoe Lokahi Canoe Club's female paddlers, foreground, pull away from the Saipan Paddlers Club in one of Saturday's 500-meter heats held at Kilili Beach.